

Sunday
JULY 30, 2000

Library to close for inventory

The Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, the Kiln Public Library and the Pearlington Public Library will be closed Monday, July 31 through Saturday, August 5 for the library system's annual inventory.

The Waveland Library and Literacy Center will remain open during the week, except for Tuesday, August 1, when it will close for staff training until 2 p.m. Adult education classes scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. will not be cancelled. Library users needing to return items should use the exterior book returns located at all four branches.

Waveland Ave. to be closed

Waveland Ave. will be closed tomorrow, Monday, July 31, and possibly Tuesday, Aug. 1, just north of Rue de LaSalle.

Through trucks, trailers, etc. needing to detour from Hwy. 90 and Waveland Ave. should continue eastward down 90 to Nicholson Ave. toward the beach area. Through trucks going north on Waveland Ave. need to detour east on Central Ave. and continue on to Nicholson, turn left, and continue north until intersecting Hwy. 90. Through cars and school buses need to detour from 90 and Waveland Ave. to Margie Street before going south to Rue De LaSalle. Continue back to Waveland Ave. Traveling north on Waveland Ave., detour east on Rue de LaSalle to Sycamore. At this point, turn left and continue up to Sycamore/Margie until reaching Old Spanish Trail.

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Work on Bay bridge median begins

Officials hope \$2.1M effort will prevent further deaths

BY ED LEPOMA

Staff Writer

Traffic on the bridge crossing the Bay of St. Louis will soon be limited to one way in both directions as work gets underway to make the span safer.

Crews from Malouf Construction of Madisonville began this week to install a temporary barrier on the eastbound lane, and barrels have been posted on one westbound lane.

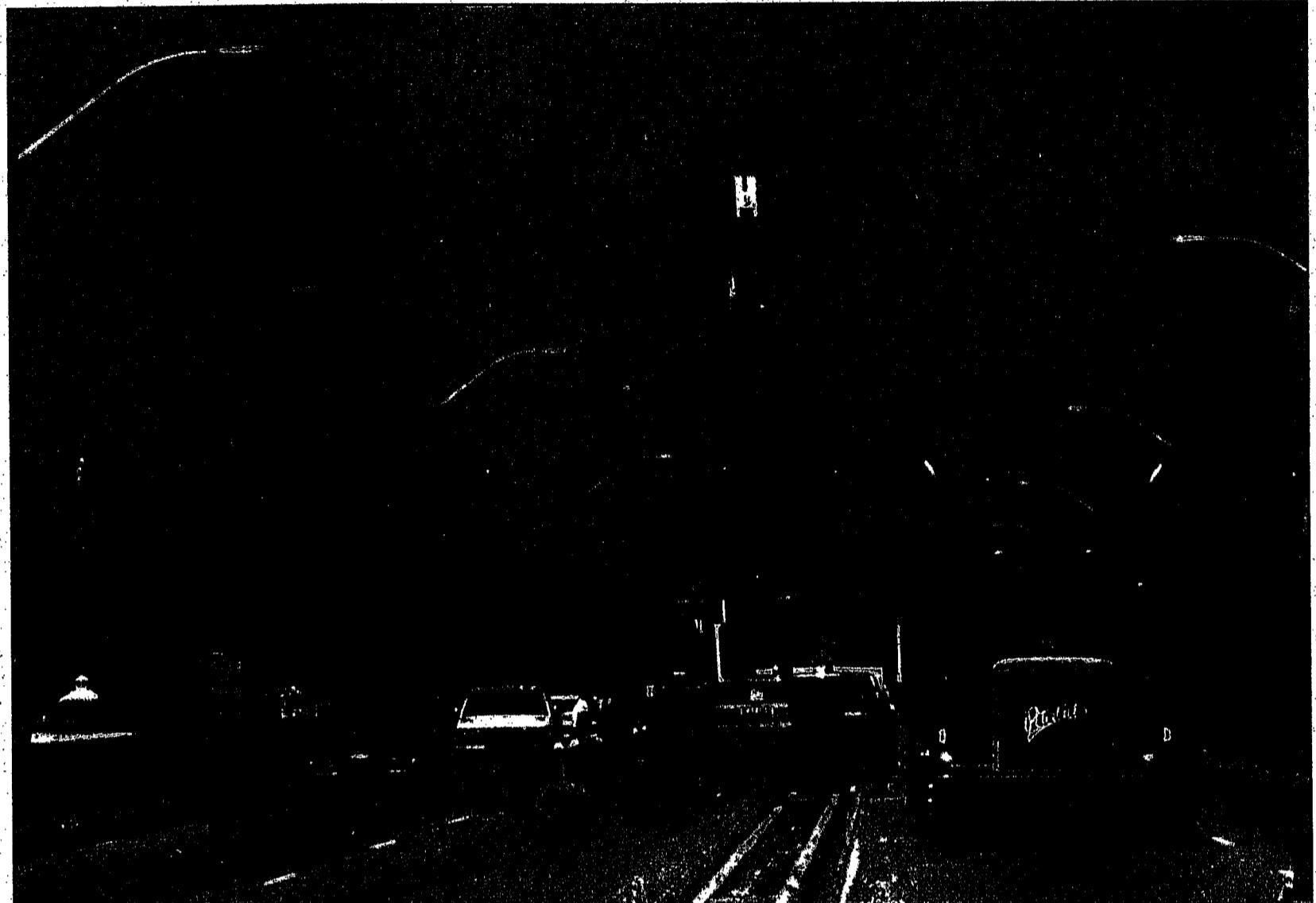
The barriers will allow workers to begin removing the four-inch-high dividers that now separate eastbound lanes from westbound lanes.

The Mississippi Department of Transportation awarded Malouf the \$2.1 million contract to install a median barrier on the bridge and to improve the bridge's lighting.

Construction is expected to last through mid-November, and MDOT officials announced they will not issue any wide-load permits for crossing the bridge while the work is being done.

State Rep. J.P. Comprett lashed out at Mississippi Department of Transportation officials in February after a Gulfport woman was killed on the bridge when the car she was riding in crossed the median and crashed head-on into another vehicle.

According to state police reports about the accident, Jennifer Hobbs, 26, was a passenger in a vehicle driven by Gulfport resident Jacqueline Oshey. The car apparently inadvertently swerved into the other lane and struck an oncoming vehicle, killing Hobbs and sending four other people with moderate-to serious injuries to Hancock Medical



Crews from Malouf Construction of Madisonville began this week to remove the four-inch-high dividers now separating the east- and west-bound lanes of Hwy. 90 bridge over the Bay of St. Louis in preparation for building a viable center road divider. Area officials hope the new road divider will prevent further serious or fatal accidents on the bridge.

Center and Memorial Hospital at Gulfport.

Comprett said at the time that the accident was "tragic" and could have been avoided if there was an existing center road divider.

"Instead, they spent \$16 million on realigning Hwy. 90 and building a new bridge over the CSX tracks....(The median project) is peanuts compared to that."

Comprett said he first received correspondence asking him to get funding for a median after two separate accidents on the bridge claimed two lives within a two-week period in March 1995.



Emergency workers from the Bay St. Louis Fire Department work to free one of the accident victims in March after two vehicles collided head-on on the Bay bridge.

Echo file photo.

Ponder named Echo editor & publisher

ECHO STAFF REPORT

James R. (Randy) Ponder will assume the position of Editor and Publisher of the Sea Coast Echo effective Tuesday, August 1, as earlier reported by Ellis C. Cuevas in the May 11th edition of the newspaper. Ponder has also been named vice-president of Bay St. Louis Newspapers, Inc., owner of the publication.

Cuevas will remain active at



James R. (Randy) Ponder takes over as editor and publisher of The Sea Coast Echo effective Tuesday, Aug. 1, replacing Ellis C. Cuevas.

the newspaper as Publisher Emeritus. "Randy and I have worked together for many years and I am delighted that he will be replacing me as the editor and publisher of the paper," Cuevas said.

I am certainly proud to be able to follow in the footsteps of such a great community leader

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License fee war brewing between Mississippi & La.

BY ED LEPOMA

Staff Writer

The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks will look into raising all non-resident fees for hunting and fishing in the state.

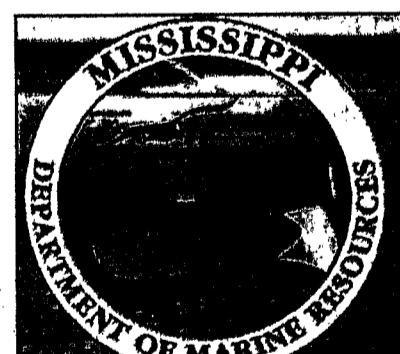
That's the word coming from Jimmy Walker, public relations director for the state agency, following growing public sentiment and renewed political pressure in Mississippi to raise hunting and fishing fees in retaliation to recent increases that went into effect in Louisiana.

"The Commission meets in Jackson August 23, and all non-residential license fees will be under review," said Walker.

Last Tuesday, state Sen. Scottie Cuevas, state Reps. Diane Peranich and Herb Frierson of Pearl River were among a delegation visiting the Commission in Jackson.

Cuevas said the legislative delegation was up in arms over the recent Louisiana fee hikes in Louisiana and urged the state agency to fire back.

Cuevas said the Commission acted quickly on their recommendations and voted to raise the lifetime non-resident fee for hunting from the present



\$3,000 to \$6,000; raising the non-resident lifetime saltwater and freshwater license fees from \$1,500 to \$3,000.

Cuevas said the delegation also asked the Commission to raise license fees and park fees for all non-residents visiting state parks.

"You can go to Flint Creek (outside of Wiggins) any weekend and you'll find more Louisiana residents out there than Mississippi campers," said Cuevas.

Walker said the recommendations would require a 30-day comment period, and most likely would take effect Oct. 1, but apparently Louisiana hunters already got wind that some kind of increase was in store

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Lakeshore store a 'convenient' target

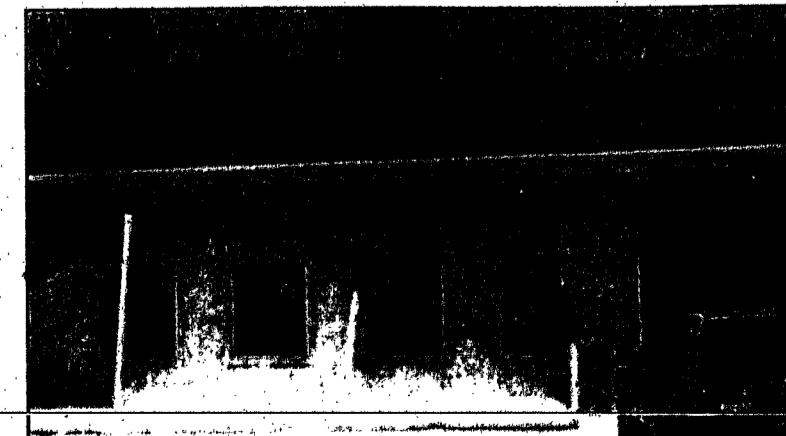
BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER

Staff Writer

When an armed robbery took place at the VNL Quick Stop on Lakeshore Road on Saturday, store owner Theresa Shiyou said yesterday, it was hardly the first time something like that had happened.

Shiyou described the suspect in Saturday's robbery as a black man with a blue pillow slip over his head and a gun in his shirt.

"He pulled the gun out and



Echo staff photo by Ed Lepoma
VNL Quick Stop at Lakeshore Rd. was robbed last week.

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Obituaries

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SABRINA C. HELMAN

Dominick Page

LARRY VEULEMAN

CHARLES ALSO BROOKS

Charles Rufus Alsobrooks, 51, of Carriere, died Friday, July 28, 2000, in Picayune.

Mr. Alsobrooks was a native of McNeill, Ms., and was a painter for Stewline Contractors. He was a member of Old Palestine Church.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Ann Little Alsobrooks; two daughters, Vanessa Lynn Alsobrooks and Stephanie Rachelle Lumpkin, both of Carriere; a brother, Roger Alsobrooks, of Picayune; six sisters, Ivy Joy Voiselle of Pass Christian, Violet Whitfield and Camelia Sue Pearson, both of Carriere, Diasy McCaskell and Jimmie Fern Westbrook, both of Picayune, and Johnnie Crocker of Enterprise, Al.; and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, July 30, at 1 p.m. at Picayune Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. James McCraney will officiate at the service. Burial will be at the Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Picayune.

JERRY E. BUTTNER

Jerry Erwin Buttner, 68, of Gulfport, died Saturday, July 22, 2000, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Buttner was a native of New Orleans and a resident of Gulfport.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward Adam and Lena Mosby Buttner.

Survivors include six sisters and four brothers.

A graveside service will be conducted Monday, July 31 at Rotten Bayou Cemetery in Kiln.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

MAY DODGE

May Dodge, 67, of Pass Christian, died Wednesday, July 26, 2000, in Pass Christian.

Mrs. Dodge was a native of St. Louis, Mo., and was retired as a telephone operator for AT&T after 20 years of service. She was a Catholic.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gene Dodge; a daughter, Cheryl Matthews; and a son, Darrell Dodge.

Survivors include a son, Michael Dodge of California; four daughters, Toni Ann Recene of Mt. Vernon, N.Y., Barbara Mucci of Tampa-St. Petersburg, Fla., Debbie Goldfine of Elizabeth, N.J., and Carol Sue Dodge of Pittsburgh, Pa.; one sister; and five grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday at Riemann Funeral Home in Gulfport followed by graveside services in Gulf Pines Memorial Gardens in Long Beach.

SABRINA C. HELMAN

Sabrina C. Helman, 28, of Bay St. Louis, died Friday, July 28, 2000, in Gulfport.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

Dominick Page

Dominick V. Page, 36, of Bay St. Louis, died in Bay St. Louis.

Arrangements are incomplete at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

Larry Veuleman

Larry Veuleman, 68, of Picayune, died Thursday, July 27, 2000, in New Orleans.

Mr. Veuleman was a native of Wisner, La. and was a retired crane operator for Lone Star Industries in New Orleans. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his loving companions, Josephine Ready of Slidell and Opal Veuleman; sons, Billy Ready of Mobile, Ala. and Danny and Joseph Veuleman, both of Slidell; daughters, Opal Veuleman of Mobile, Marilyn Handley and Shirley Prendergast, both of Bay St. Louis, Donna Ready of Birmingham, Ala., Lisa Counts and Tinka Lucas, both of Picayune, Dorothy (Peanut) Abshier of Woodstock, Judy Bice of Slidell, Marilyn McQueen of Arkansas and Anna Lee and Clara Veuleman, both of Missouri; brothers Donald Veuleman of Sicily Island, La. and Charles Veuleman of Winnsboro, La.; and sisters Ruby Langston of Deville, La. and Christine Veuleman; 19 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday evening at Picayune Funeral Home. Services were conducted Saturday in the funeral home chapel with burial in Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Picayune.

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Health support groups to meet in August

Numerous healthcare support groups will meet at Slidell Memorial Hospital and Medical Center facilities during the month of August. These free sessions are a community service of SMH. Among them are:

Psoriasis Support Group

Aug. 9: 7 p.m.; free; in the SMH Wellness Pavilion at 501 Robert Blvd., 2nd Floor Conf. Rm. Dermatologist Nia Terezakis, M.D., will be speaking on prescription and non-prescription topical treatments.

Feel free to bring a friend or loved one. No reservations necessary. For more information, call Dayna Klein at 643-7109.

Alzheimer's Support Group

Aug. 8, 11 a.m.; in the SMH Family Resource Suite. Sherry Tyler will discuss the latest in drug therapy for the Alzheimer's patient.

Caretakers, friends and family members of Alzheimer's patients will receive information, help, support and caring from this long-standing and informative group. To register, call 504-639-8909 or 1-800-259-2200, ext. 8909.

Fibromyalgia Support Group

Aug. 8, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.; free; in the SMH Wellness Pavilion at 501 Robert Blvd., 1st Floor, Outpatient Rehab. Fibromyalgia is a disorder that causes pain in muscles, bones or joints. It may also cause poor sleep, headaches and stiffness or muscle aches.

The symptoms may be made worse by stress or lack of sleep. Please call 504-847-9355 for

more information or to register.

Hospice Dinner Club:

In Picayune on Aug. 10 at noon and in Slidell on Aug. 21 at 5 p.m. These social gatherings are held at a different restaurant every month for anyone who has lost a spouse/significant other and wants to socialize with others.

Every month a new restaurant is visited. Call 504-847-0174 in Slidell or 1-888-643-2041 in Mississippi for more information.

Crohn's & Colitis Support Group:

Aug. 10, 7:30 p.m.; free; in the SMH 12th St. Annex Conference Room B/C. Good support comes from another person who is experiencing the same disease process.

This group encourages open discussion on what works when the inflammatory bowel disease is active. The group is led by a trained facilitator. For more information or to register, call Betty Doss at 504-641-4087.

Scleroderma Support Group:

Jul. 15, 12:30 - 2 p.m.; in the SMH 12th Street Annex, Conference Rm. A. All scleroderma patients, their spouses, families or support persons are invited to attend the group meetings.

The purpose of the group is to provide support and information about all aspects of scleroderma and to increase public awareness. For information, call Maxine Konrick at 504-641-5986 or Shirley Walterhouse at 504-643-4513.

Liver Support Group:

Tickets go on sale today at 10 a.m. for the August 25 Kansas rock concert at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis.

Kansas is known for hits like "Dust in the Wind" and "Wayward Son."

Tickets are \$15, \$20 and \$25 and may be purchased through TicketMaster or through the Casino Magic Box Office.

For information, call 1-800-5-MAGIC-5.

Tickets for group Kansas at BSL Magic

The Bay High Touchdown Club is seeking sponsors to purchase ads in its 2000 football program. The Bay High School Tigers' first home game is August 25. For more information, contact Pat Yarborough, 463-1532 or Jude Ferry, 467-0609.

To enter, send poem 21 lines or less to: New York Poetry Alliance, Box 1588, New York, NY 10116-1588. Or enter online at www.freecontest.com.

Poems sought

For those who have written a love poem, the New York Poetry Alliance is sponsoring Poetry 2000, a free contest open to everyone. A \$1000 cash prize will be awarded to the winner.

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Two plead guilty in kickback scheme

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Two men who have already pleaded guilty in alleged theft and corruption at Stennis Space Center may testify against others involved when the trial opens in Biloxi federal court Sept. 5.

In exchange for leniency, Billy Gene Boyte of Angie has admitted he accepted payments from the alleged ringleader of the scheme in exchange for helping the man get contracts from Johnson Controls World Systems, Inc., Johnson Controls was the prime contractor in charge of daily operations at Stennis until last year.

Arthur J. Garcia of Slidell has also pleaded guilty to stealing government tools and supplies worth more than \$1,000.

Bill Mizell, 62, of Lumberton, who has pleaded not guilty, will face charges he allegedly orchestrated a scheme in which he paid Johnson Control employees kickbacks in exchange for their ordering products from companies he owned or that employed him.

Courts reverse '98 D'Head POA decision

BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

The Court of Appeals of the State of Mississippi reversed and remanded a July, 1998 trial court decision that had been returned in favor of Paul D. Montjoy, former general manager of the Diamondhead Country Club and Property Owners Association, Inc.

Montjoy was terminated at a special executive meeting on July 26, 1996 at which he was not present. His contract was to expire on May 31, 1997.

Montjoy sued the POA for breach of contract and intentional mental anguish. He also sought pre-judgment interest, punitive damages and attorney fees. The judge granted a directed verdict on the issue of punitive damages, and the jury rendered a verdict in favor of Montjoy, awarding \$54,373.65 in actual damages for breach of contract and \$100,000 in compensatory damages for inten-

tional infliction of emotional distress. Thereafter, the trial judge entered a judgment against the POA for \$161,260.97, representing the amount of the jury verdict plus \$6,887.32 in pre-judgment interest. The POA appealed and Montjoy cross-appealed.

The POA felt that the judge erred in his instructions to the jury in instructing them that Montjoy was denied his due process rights, saying that there was no requirement in Montjoy's contract which stated that he had the right to receive written notice in advance of the reasons for his termination; or the right to respond in writing to charges made because he was not a public employee.

Private employees in Mississippi have no due process rights except those afforded by contract.

They also felt the judge erred because Montjoy did not seek damages in his original complaint for violation of due

process rights and said that the defense counsel was never given a copy of the second complaint, which they say was filed without court approval. They also questioned the award of damages for emotional distress and the limiting of the presentation of issues relating to the reasons for the termination.

Montjoy said Friday that he was disappointed in what he has heard about the decision.

"We had a jury and 12 citizens determined that I was wrongfully discharged," said Montjoy. "It is my understanding that they felt strongly that the decision was correct and it is my hope that in the end this decision will prevail."

Montjoy said that he hopes to have another trial at the Mississippi Supreme Court level but does not yet know the terms or conditions.

"We will run this thing as far as the law allows," said Montjoy. "I only hope that it does not drag out too long ... I wish it

could have been over but you don't always get what you want ... I still feel I am right in questioning the validity of the termination ... it has damaged my reputation and at this point it is important to me to prove that I am right for this reason ... I feel strongly that the board should have honored my contract."

Frank Jerome, member of the board and legal committee at Diamondhead said in his opinion the trial judge conducted the trial as a civil rights issue when it should have considered a private issue.

"We feel that this new decision issues a very strong opinion and we hope it terminates the matter," said Jerome. "The case could be retried but if it is we will be able to introduce all the evidence for Montjoy's termination that we were not allowed to introduce at the first trial ... the board felt he breached his contract and we are happy about the decision in our favor."

Use computers as a learning tool

By Bonnie Coblenz
MSU Ag Communications

Teachers and politicians alike preach the value of computers for every student, but is access the only issue?

An average home computer starts at \$1,300 for hardware, software and accessories. While schools can get discounts through mass purchases and government programs, sometimes other priorities rank higher than providing a computer for every student in class.

Larry Anderson, Mississippi State University associate professor of technology and education, suggested that the focus should not necessarily be only on integrating computers and technology into classrooms or curricula.

"What if we thought about integrating children into learning or integrating children with technology?" Anderson asked. "It would be better if we considered different ways to make more natural the marriage of the individual and the tools which will help the individual."

Anderson said technology, of which computers are just one part, offers individuals the chance to improve their lives.

He pointed to movements across the country that support community technology centers as places where everyone can have access to technology resources, and have instruction in how to use these tools to make their lives better.

"We become enamored with

gadgets. It's a natural thing to want to get this cool stuff to a place where people can use it, but in the process, it's easy to forget the person," Anderson said. "It's easy to brag about what we have instead of what it allows us to do."

"We have to do so much more than just put computers into classrooms," Anderson said. "They're there, but we need to make sure they're making a difference to the children."

Louise Davis, child and family development specialist with MSU's Extension Service, said that while computers can enhance children's education in and out of the classroom, not having access to one does not mean they will be left behind.

"There are also many public libraries which offer computers with Internet access that are available for anyone in the community to use at no charge."

"Computers are probably more accessible now to children than ever, and with the Governor's initiative, they will be even more accessible," Davis said.

Mississippi Gov. Ronnie Musgrove established a time-limited Governor's Task Force for Classroom Technology to place an Internet-accessible computer in every public school in the state by the end of 2002.

"Mississippi has laid a strong foundation for education and desires to continue to take sound and innovative measures to strengthen the schools within

our state.

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"CUEVAS' QUOTES"

By Ellis C. Cuevas

When I made the announcement in early June that I would be stepping down as publisher of "The Sea Coast Echo," one of the most asked questions was, "Are you going to continue to write your column?"

The answer, of course, is yes. I have been writing a column for over 20 years and plan on doing so, hopefully for many more years to come. The only difference is, it may be moved to another section of the paper.

As many of you know, I have been the newspaper's publisher for over 23 years, and now I will maintain the title of Publisher Emeritus.

In my new position one of the biggest differences will be that I will be assisting new Publisher Randy Ponder with the administrative functions, instead of him assisting me.

Randy and I have worked together since 1971, when he joined the Echo's staff as a pressman.

From there he moved up to general manager and advertising director. We have worked together with the exception of three years — when he was publisher of a sister publication in Bayou LaBatre, Alabama — which was sold. He returned to his old position at The Echo.

Now I do plan on cutting back on the days and hours a week I work. I guess one is entitled to do that when one has worked over 43 years at the same business.

I plan on doing many of the things I have wanted to do, but have been unable to do so, because of time restraints.

One of the first projects will probably be reviving the past history column I did on years gone by from our archives.

Yes, it has been a hard decision on my part to step down, but Jane has a 'zillion' honey-do projects for me, and the list continues to grow each day.

Running here, there and everywhere over the years, I am thankful that Jane realized that this is what my job consisted of and what was expected from me. There were many nights and holidays when my time was spent at work when I should have been at home.

Looking back over the years, our community as a whole has been very good to me. I was given an opportunity, and I really appreciate the overwhelming support I received from so many loyal Sea Coast Echo advertisers and subscribers.

The Echo's staff has been tremendous, because without a good staff I sure would not have been successful.

Great things have happened in Hancock County since my tenure began at the Echo.

Just think, Diamondhead was just a pine forest, Port Bienville was a thicket on the edge of a marsh, Stennis Space Center was an assortment of rural communities such as Logtown, Santa Rosa, Napoleon and Gainesville. The county's airport was a grass landing strip where the soccer complex is located and the local hospital had a few rooms located in a residence-type home on Carroll Avenue. Interstate 10 was nonexistent and Highway 90 was a single lane, and I could just go on and on.

The opportunities are now here for our future generations, and they are tremendous. Jobs were scarce as "hens' teeth" as an old saying goes when I completed my three years of military obligation in 1957, before joining the staff of The Echo.

The vast majority of those wanting to get ahead in life had to pack their bag and head elsewhere. A few stayed in their family businesses, worked as fishermen or professional fields, such as lawyers and medical doctors.

Folks talk about the "good old days." I feel they are here today and not in the past. What has happened in the past cannot be changed. It is in the future where we can make a difference.

Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours appear to be happening quiet frequently, and this is very good.

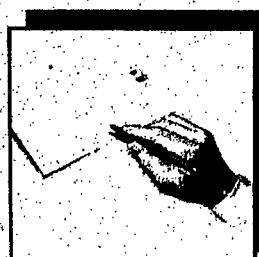
The next one scheduled is for Thursday, August 3, 5 to 7 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, Highway 90, Bay St. Louis.

Sponsors are the Library Foundation of Hancock County and the Diamondhead and Waveland Supermarkets.

As always, admission is two business cards and is open to chamber members and guests.

I understand that the Diamondhead and Waveland Supermarkets, along with the Library Foundation, will be providing some real goodies for the After Hours. There will be door prizes, too.

I hope to see you at the After Hours Thursday evening.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Marine Resources acted swiftly, Wildlife, Fisheries undecided

To the Editor:

On Tuesday, July 18, the Commission on Marine Resources acted quickly and forcefully in the interest of equity for Mississippi's salt-water recreational fisherman.

The Commission unanimously enacted an ordinance, under which Mississippi will charge residents of all the Gulf States the same fee that person's home state charges a Mississippi resident.

Louisiana recently began charging non-residents \$110 per year for the privilege of fishing in their marine waters.

Now, thanks to the Legislature's foresight in granting the necessary authority, and the Commission's prompt

action, some fairness exists in our salt water licensing structure.

The Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks met July 25. Unfortunately, either through a lack of statutory authority, or indecision by the commissioners, the Department decided to study the issue, and maybe act at a later date.

One can only hope the Wildlife and Fisheries folks will see fit to defend Mississippi's hunters and fresh-water anglers, as the Department of Marine Resources has done for our saltwater fishermen.

Thanks DMR, and let's get with the program DWFP.

Pete Umbdenstock
Gulfport



ASK THE V.A.

**By Donald Mauffray
CVSO**

Autos and adaptive equipment for certain disabled veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs offers an automobile assistance program for eligible veterans. The following are highlights of the VA program:

Qualified veterans may receive a one-time payment from VA of up to \$8,000 to be used toward the purchase of an automobile or other conveyance.

Veterans or service members who are entitled to Disability Compensation Under Chapter 11 of Title 38 are eligible for the one-time payment if their losses are one of the following:

1. The loss or permanent loss of use of one or both feet; or

2. The loss or permanent loss of use of one or both hands; or

3. The permanent impairment of vision of both eyes of the following status:

- a. Central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye, with corrective glasses, or

- b. Central visual acuity of more than 20,000 if there is a field defect in which the peripheral field has contracted to such an extent that the widest diameter of visual field subtends an angular distance no greater than twenty degrees in the better eye.

In addition to the one-time payment described above, VA will also pay for installation of adaptive equipment deemed

necessary to insure that the eligible veteran will be able to safely operate the vehicle, and to satisfy the resident applicability standards of licensure.

VA will also repair, replace, or reinstall adaptive equipment determined necessary for the operation of a vehicle acquired under this program, or for the operation of a vehicle an eligible veteran may previously or subsequently have acquired.

The eligibility requirements for adaptive equipment are the same as those listed above for one-time payment, but also include the following:

1. Ankylosis (immobility) of one or both knees; or

2. Ankylosis (immobility) of one or both hips.

The term "adaptive equipment" generally refers to any equipment which must be part of or added to a vehicle manufactured for sale to the general public in order to make it safe for use by the claimant, and to assist him or her in meeting the applicable standards of licensure of the proper licensing

agency.

Just since 1997, nearly \$90 billion in extra taxes have been sent to Washington as a result of the marriage penalty. That is why since 1995 I have been at the forefront of efforts to eliminate this tax.

The Clinton/Gore administration indicated last January that it stood ready to reduce the marriage penalty, so the Senate



FROM THE SENATE

**By State Senator
Trent Lott**

Marriage tax fate in Clinton's hands

and House leadership decided to act.

On February 10, the U.S. House passed a bill that would reduce the marriage penalty by a clear bipartisan vote of 268 to 158. This vote is much similar to a June House vote in favor of eliminating the estate tax, commonly referred to by its detractors as the "death tax," which taxes a life's work even after death.

The Clinton/Gore administration says it stands ready to provide marriage penalty relief. Congress is testing this commitment.

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Sandy beaches

The nice thing about our beaches is that the water is very shallow. A person could actually get tired of walking before the water got over his head.

There are warning pilings where this deepening occurs, but few people wander out that far. Although there are no lifeguards, there hasn't been a beach drowning in years.

On the beach in front of our house, there are usually not as many people as at the Nicholson Avenue beach to our west. Nicholson is a main road from the Kiln so its crowded nature is to be expected, however we attribute our isolation to what happened at the end of the 1993 beach replenishment.

For the few of you who were not around then, let me give you a brief history. The beach road is the link us beach dwellers use to get to the rest of Waveland, Clermont Harbor, Bayou Caddy and, as occasion sometimes demands, Bay St. Louis.

During the period 1915 through 1928, a concrete beach wall was constructed along the Coast to protect the road from storms.

The wall has steps that descended about six feet down to the water plus another few feet deeper into the bottom. As time went by, strong tidal currents and winter storms caused the wall to be undermined in places.

Where the erosion was severe, the wall collapsed, bringing the road down with it or exposing the road to erosion.

The Army Corps of Engineers studied the problem and decided to make a sand beach to serve as a buffer - in other words, a beach to protect the wall that was protecting the road. In 1967, they pumped in a 150-foot wide sand beach. This beach gradually eroded and in 1993 a second 300-foot-wide beach was pumped in.

If you weren't here then, you missed an exciting time. People came from miles around to watch the sand being pumped onto the beach from the offshore dredge.

All of a sudden Beach Boulevard was a major tourist attraction! The bulldozers and the gray ooze that spewed forth in large plumes from the dredge outlet operated 24 hours a day, gradually covering the beach from Bay St. Louis to a mile of Clermont Harbor.

Seagulls by the hundreds wheeled and fed from the pumped material and, if not from the noise, you could tell where the pumping was at any one time by the birds and the

parked cars of the watchers.

All that machinery is gone now, the spectators have left, Beach Boulevard is again a quiet county road, and the birds do the normal things they do on a sandy beach. Nature is sometimes quiet, sometimes spectacular displays, is working to undo the actions of the dredge.

From our porch, we can see the natural processes at work. There is a normal migration of the sand from east to west, due to the Sound's general circulation. Storms, local winds and tidal currents add to this and the result over time is a gradual shrinking of the beach to about 200 feet. Next year there will be less.

Various methods are being used to slow this process. Two long, intermittent rows of low nylon net fences are strung parallel to the road to keep the sand from blowing onto the road.

Tall tufted beach grass has been planted between the nylon fences to help slow the moving sand. These help but aren't completely successful; during strong southeasterly winds, the road is often covered with thin layers of blowing sand.

If we use the 1967 beach's 26-year life as a yardstick, then this beach should last another 20 years. Nature doesn't work that uniformly and 10 years is probably more realistic.

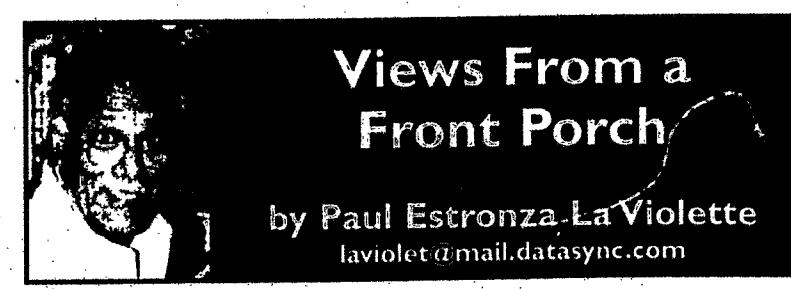
But to return to my original remarks on the isolation of our beach. The sand collected to make the beach left a narrow trench in the Sound bottom. To avoid accidents and lawsuits, the contractor laid a row of pilings on each side of the trench with hazardous warnings signs.

I can only believe this is to alert swimmers rather than waders, since the trench is about 400 yards out in the Sound in water six feet deep. I'm not sure how a swimmer on the surface can possibly be affected by a sudden change of depth six feet below, but the warning signs are there in case that ever happens.

But these new pilings became a hazard - a nighttime boating hazard, and the possibility of more lawsuits.

So, battery-operated warning lights were placed on every other pole. Sometimes their batteries are replaced as they die; sometimes not. It doesn't really matter because there are many similar pilings scattered about in the water that have nothing to do with the trench and none of these have lights.

In their paranoia, the contractors went a step further. At the beach waterline, running parallel to the offshore line of pilings, they put more pilings starting in front of our house



Views From a Front Porch

by Paul Estranza LaViolette
laviolet@mail.datasync.com

and repeated every hundred yards for a half-mile to our east.

Mind you, each of these pilings is in approximately one foot of water. Yet affixed to each piling was a warning sign with "Danger Deep Water" and, what I suppose is the universal symbol of someone drowning: the top half of a person with their arms raised high and their mouth an open circle in a silent scream.

When the tide goes out, one can often see near these pilings seagulls patterning about in the mud or perhaps a dog splashing through the water about 30 yards farther out.

In time these absurd signs have fallen off. But while they were there, they made interesting reading and helped establish a false reputation about the danger of our immediate beach that has helped ensure its isolation.

As I mentioned, there is a natural westward migration of the sand in the area. As a result, the offshore trench, being a natural sand trap, is gradually being filled with sand. Soon the trench will be full and the only possible hazard in the area will be the pilings with their on and off warning lights and bright signs.

About the only good thing I can think of about this flood of pilings is that the pelicans, herons, and cormorants now have a choice of where they can roost.



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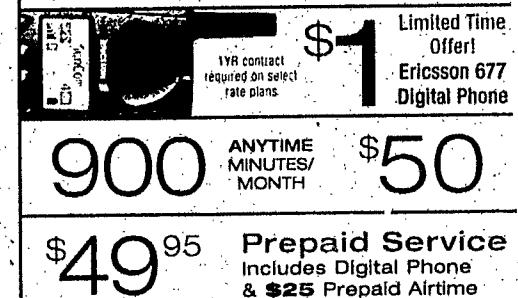
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Tops, MS 233 met Thursday, July 27 at the Waveland Public Library. Best TOPS loser for the week was Gwen with 2 1/2 pounds. KOPPS loser was Kathy. There were 17 members and three guests present, Jim, Emily and Connie.

Gwen won the Incentive Award, and Pat won the gift.

TOPS 233 meets every Thursday at the Waveland Library. Weigh-ins are 5:55 p.m. with meeting following.

Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and maintaining that weight loss is welcome to visit the TOPS 233 chapter.

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NOTICE
The Board of Commissioners of the Hancock County Water and Sewer District, Hancock County, Mississippi (the "District"), to call up for consideration all of the bonds of the said District in the maximum principal amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), to raise money for the purpose of expanding, constructing and renovating the water system of the District. After a discussion of the subject, Commissioner Sidney Davis offered and moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HANCOCK COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE HANCOCK COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO ISSUE A TAXABLE BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000.00) FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPANDING, CONSTRUCTING AND RENOVATING THE WATER SYSTEM OF THE HANCOCK COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners finds and determines that it is necessary and proper to expand, construct and renovate the water system of the District which expansion, construction and renovation are to be done substantially in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by engineers employed by the District and approved by the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has caused an estimate to be made of the cost of such expansion and improvements by competent engineers from which estimates the Board of Commissioners determines that the contemplated costs thereof will not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). It is necessary and proper in the best interest and well-being of the citizens of the District to issue a revenue bond in order to accomplish the aforesaid expansion, construction and renovation; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary, proper and economically feasible that the District issue a Taxable Water System Bond in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) to raise money to pay the costs of expansion, construction and renovation to the water system of the District and to pay the costs of issuing such revenue bond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HANCOCK COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI:

Section 1. That the Board of Commissioners of the Hancock County Water and Sewer District, Hancock County, Mississippi (the "District"), does hereby declare its intention to issue a Taxable Water System Junior Lien Revenue Bond in the District (the "Bond"), in an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) to raise money to pay the costs of expansion, construction and renovation to the water system of the District and to pay the costs of issuing such revenue bond.

Section 2. The principal and interest on the said revenue bond may be payable over a period not to exceed forty-five (45) years solely from revenue derived and to be derived from the operation of the water system of the District. Said revenue Bond shall not constitute an indebtedness of the District within the meaning of any statutory or charter restriction on bonded indebtedness and the taxing power of the District is not to be pledged to the payment of said revenue bond.

Section 3. The Bond shall be payable solely from revenues of the water system subject to the prior lien of indebtedness of the District on said revenues.

Section 3. Unless a protest in writing signed by the lessor of 150 or twenty percent (20%) of the qualified electors of the District objecting to and protesting the issuance and sale of the said revenue Bond is filed with the Board of Commissioners on or before 2:00 o'clock p.m. on August 15, 2000, which date shall not be less than twenty-one (21) days after the first publication of this resolution and not more than fourteen (14) days after the date of the last publication of this resolution, the Board of Commissioners shall at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners held at said time or at some meeting or meetings subsequent thereto, if such protest and objection is filed on or before said date and hour, the question of the issuance of said revenue Bond shall be submitted to an election to be held as provided in Miss. Code 1972 Ann., Section 21-27-1 et seq.

Section 4. This resolution shall be published once a week for at least three consecutive weeks in The Sea Coast Echo, a newspaper published in the City of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi and having a general circulation in the District and qualified under the provisions of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, during a period of time not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the date specified, and the last publication of this resolution shall be not more than fourteen (14) days prior to the date hereinabove set forth as the deadline for the filing of any objection or protest.

Section 5. The Board of Commissioners is hereby directed to procure from the publisher of the aforesaid newspaper the customary proof of publication of this resolution and have the same before the Board of Commissioners on the day and hour hereinabove specified.

Commissioner Albinney Zoerner seconded the motion to adopt this resolution and the question before the Board was voted on as follows:

Commissioner Robert Fricke voted: Yes

Commissioner Albinney Zoerner voted: Yes

Commissioner Alfred Smith voted: Yes

Commissioner Herman Johnson voted: Yes

Commissioner Sidney Davis voted: Yes

A majority of the members present, the Chairman declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted this the 13th day of July, 2000.

ALFRED SMITH
CHAIRMAN

HANCOCK COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

ATTEST:

ANGELA HYNES
SECRETARY/TREASURER

HANCOCK COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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Summary of Water and Sewer Ordinance Changes

The following information is a summary of revisions made to the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission's Water and Sewer Use Ordinance. The original water and sewer ordinances have been combined to form one ordinance that covers both facilities.

(Port Bienville and Sterns Airport). For a more detailed review or to obtain a complete copy of the revised ordinance, please stop by the main office at 706 Hwy. 50, Waveland or the Hancock County Court House, Main St., Bay St. Louis, during the hours between 8:30 am and 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

The following items were revised or added to the ordinance:

1. The separate water and sewer ordinances were combined to form one complete ordinance called the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission's "Water and Sewer Use Ordinance". Chapter one of the ordinance contains administrative requirements and chapter two contains the sewer requirements.

2. Chapter 1, section 1-3, par. 1-3.2, was revised to better explain that each parcel, lot or facility would be required to have a separate meter and apparatuses.

3. Chapter 1, section 1-3, par. 1-3.4 was revised to explain what apparatuses would be provided by the Commission for hook up to the water system by the customer.

4. Chapter 1, section 1-3, par. 1-3.5, was revised to explain what apparatuses would be required by the customer when hooking up to the water system, including the installation of a backflow preventer if necessary.

5. Chapter 1, section 1-5, par. 1-5.1 The language was revised to better explain the initial connection fee when connecting to the water system for the first time based on water meter size.

6. Chapter 1, section 1-5, par. 1-5.2, was revised to set a service charge of \$100.00 to reconnect a service that had been disconnected for non-payment or delinquency.

7. Chapter 1, section 1-5, par. 1-5.3, increased the minimum monthly water bill from \$35.00 to \$50.00 for the first 12,000 gallons and any additional water over 12,000 gallons from \$0.60/1000 gallons to \$0.80/1000 gallons.

8. Chapter 1, section 1-5, par. 1-5.4, revised to set a fee of \$100.00 for reconnection of an existing account at the time of reconnection.

9. Chapter 1, section 1-6, was added to cover cross connection control and prevention.

10. Chapter 2, section 2-6, par. 2-6.3, increased the minimum monthly sewer bill from \$35.00 to \$100.00 for the first 12,000 gallons and any additional sewage over 12,000 gallons from \$0.60/1000 gallons to \$1.60/1000 gallons.

11. Chapter 2, section 2-6, par. 2-6.1, was revised to better explain that anyone who discharges liquids other than domestic sewage will be required to pay a surcharge fee to cover any additional treatment cost.

12. Chapter 2, section 2-6, par. 2-6.4, added language to explain that sewer rates and charges would be revised annually and adjusted if necessary to cover cost.

The Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission's complete revised Water and Sewer Use Ordinance is on file, and available for review, at the Board of Supervisors Office at the Hancock County Courthouse, 150 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, 39430.

Sale revision to the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission's Water and Sewer Use Ordinances will become effective September 1, 2000.

Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi, this the 17th day of July, 2000.

Timothy A. Keller, Clerk

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By Terry E. Guenard, D.C.

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SPORTS

Non-resident licenses, control of WMAs top commission agenda

Non-resident lifetime licenses to hunt and fish in Mississippi will go from \$3,000 to \$6,000, according to the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

The unanimous action to raise non-resident lifetime license fees came at a meeting in Jackson of the agency's five-member Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

The sale of licenses to non-residents has been a hot topic and was thoroughly discussed by the Commission.

In a discussion of raising other non-resident licenses, commission members asked staff members of the agency to do a study as to the valuation of fish and wildlife resources and how much various non-resident licenses should be increased. The study will be presented at the Commission's August meeting.

In other business, the Commission will restrict the use of 4-wheel ATVs on the 26,136-acre Bienville Wildlife

Management Area.

Located just east of Jackson within the Bienville National Forest, access to the area is a major factor in managing its wildlife resources, biologists said.

The Commission discussed the issue of creating separate still hunting and dog hunting sites within the management area.

Commission members urged the competing groups to get together and work out what is not a wildlife management issue, but a social issue.

In other action, the Commission set the opening and closing dates for this year's upcoming dove hunting periods.

This first season of dove hunting in the North Zone will open Sept. 2 and will close Sept. 23. The second season opens Oct. 7 and extends through Oct. 29, and the third season opens Dec. 23 and closes Jan. 6.

The first season for hunting dove in the South Zone opens Sept. 23 and extends through Dec. 23 and closes Jan. 6.

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In addition, shooters must have a valid hunting license, signed and on their person before going afield.

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Oct. 14. The second season continues to be one of the most popular migratory game birds throughout the Deep South. Each year, shooters in Mississippi and other Southern states take more doves than any other game bird.

The North Zone consists of all counties excluding Forrest, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Lamar, Marion, Pearl River, Perry, Pike, Stone and Walthall counties. These 13 counties make up the South Zone.

Shooting hours for dove are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset. The daily bag limit is 15, and the possession limit is 30. A possession limit is not permitted on the opening day of any season.

Doves are migratory birds and are protected by state and federal laws. Hunters must have a valid hunting license, signed and on their person before going afield.

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continues to be one of the most popular migratory game birds throughout the Deep South. Each year, shooters in Mississippi and other Southern states take more doves than any other game bird.

In other business, the Commission was asked to re-examine a proposal that would do away with the Calhoun County Wildlife Management Area in north-central Mississippi about 30 miles northeast of Grenada.

Instead, the John Hancock Company presented a proposal to the Commission that would continue wildlife management activities on the 10,900-acre area.

The Commission asked the biological staff of the agency to study the proposal and report back to the Commission at the August meeting.

The action to delay acting on the proposal will not affect hunting on the area during the upcoming fall and winter hunting period.

News from McLeod Park

BY ROLAND LEE
Park Ranger

We had had another exciting year, and with the children out of school, things have been busy at McCleod Park.

We had a banner year with almost every weekend being booked up on all our sites.

More exciting things are in store next year when we hope to complete a new comfort station, add more electric and water hookups, improve and replace power boxes and build nature trail bridges.

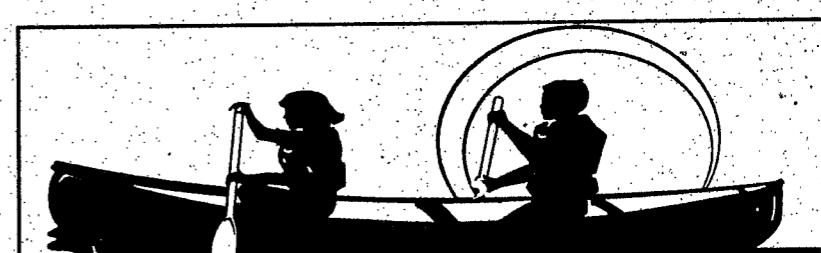
We have a new boat launch

with piers on the lake, thanks to the local people who got involved and made it possible.

The fishing has been good at the park for the young and old. Several people had good luck catching some very large catfish.

We are hoping from some relief from the dry and hot weather, but there's always fun to be had at McCleod Park no matter what kind of weather we have.

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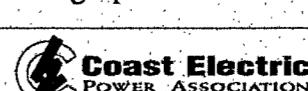
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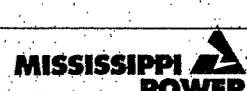
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Road Runners schedule races in Biloxi, Pass

The Gulf Coast Running Club (GCRC) are hosting the 12th annual "Summer Beach Run" 5K and 1-mile health run/walk Saturday, August 5 in front of the Mississippi Coast Coliseum, Hwy. 90. Both races start at 8 a.m.

Late registration is 7:30 a.m. Entrance fee is \$15 on race day and \$7 for children 12 and under in the 1-mile fun run.

D'head Womens Golf results

Diamondhead Women Golf Association July 27 winners include:

First Flight: first, Audrey Ramirez; second, Jo Ann Inman; third, Phyllis Lilley

Second Flight: first, Margaret Hill; second, Yvonne Luck; third, Darlene Ray

Third Flight: first, Debbie Cumberland; second, Joan Weinberg; third, Marilyn Valentino

Closest to pin: Hole #4, Mitzi Lenz; #7, Audrey Ramirez; #13, Brenda Hendrickson; and #17 Yvonne Luck

Final football registration

The Bay St. Louis Youth Football League will hold a final day of registration on Monday, July 31, 2000, at the Athletic Complex on Athletic Drive in Bay St. Louis. The time that parents can register their children will be from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

Parents will need to bring a copy of their child's birth certificate and a recent photograph.



12 and under in the 1-mile fun run. Fee includes a T-shirt to all registered participants, and numerous awards will be given per sex and in various age groups.

For information, call Leonard at 228-875-6855 or Denise at 228-392-4722.

Indian Chief motorcycle

The Mississippi Fire Dogs of the Indoor Professional Football League, IPFL, in conjunction with Mr. Bobby's Astro Imports, Lincoln-Mercury and Motorcycle, are giving a Fire Dogs fan a chance to win a brand-new 2000 Indian Chief motorcycle.

The Fire Dogs are also qualifying contestants for the Discount Auto Parts, Trips Unlimited, Kim Beck KIA half-time challenge, with the finals to be held Aug. 12 during half-time of the game against Omaha.

For information, call the Mississippi Fire Dogs at 228-388-1876.

License -- Ms., La. headed for trouble

and rushed to get lifetime licenses under the current \$3,000 charge.

"This year, we had only issued 62 lifetime licenses," said Walker. "But in the last two and a half weeks, we issued 40, and only one of them was not from Louisiana."

The Louisiana Legislature, in its last session, raised non-resident saltwater fishing licenses from \$67 to \$110, plus a local handling charge. Lawmakers said the fees and others affecting commercial fishing operations were needed

to offset a budget shortfall.

"These outrageous increases have hurt saltwater fisherman the most," said Walker. "But, I think the situation might have reached its saturation point. People, especially Mississippi's, will simply stop fishing in Louisiana waters."

Charter boat captains along the Mississippi Coast, who frequently bring fishing parties into Louisiana waters, said they are being unfairly singled out.

George Pelaez, who captains the Joker's Wild charter boat

out of Biloxi's Bayou Cadet Marina, said the \$110 fee is too much, but charter operators have been singled out for more increases, since they frequently bring corporate guests out to Louisiana waters to fish.

Non-resident charter boats carrying more than six passengers must pay Louisiana \$2,000 a year for a guide license. Then, they must require customers to pay \$75 for a three-day license. Licensed guides in Louisiana charge their customers only \$5 for a three-day fishing license.

Pelaez said his boat won't go

out unless at least 10 people have chartered it. If he runs 40 trips out to Chandeleur Island for 10 people, that would generate \$30,000 just off the three-day license fees.

He complains he is putting revenue into Louisiana, but Louisiana Department of Wildlife officials claim the state receives no economic impact from the charter expeditions.

Pelaez said his is one of only a few charter boats regularly taking fishermen out to Chandeleur Island, and there are no Louisiana charter boats

working the area.

In Mississippi, local recreational fishermen pay \$5 a year for a saltwater license and \$9 for freshwater. Non-residents pay \$28 a year for a saltwater license and another \$28 a year for freshwater license.

Last Wednesday, the state Commission on Marine Resources in resources in Biloxi voted to increase the non-residential saltwater license fee to \$110, and after a 30-day comment period, it would likely go into effect beginning Oct. 1.

Ponder -- Echo's new publisher

like Ellis Cuevas," Ponder stated. "Under the direction of Ellis, the Sea Coast Echo has evolved into one of the very best community newspapers in this country."

"And we are very fortunate and pleased that he will continue to contribute to this paper and area which he loves so much," Ponder added.

"Of the many things I have learned from Ellis over the years, the most important may well be that one person does not make a newspaper. It takes a staff of many dedicated men and women to produce issue

after issue of your Sea Coast Echo. And I am blessed here with a wonderful group of individuals, working together as a team, striving to deliver to you the best possible newspaper," Ponder said. "I look to the future with great expectations for Hancock County, the entire Coast and certainly this newspaper."

Ponder began his newspaper career in 1970 at the *Daily Mountain Eagle* in Jasper, Ala. as a pressroom trainee. He then took a position as production manager at The Sea Coast Echo in 1971.

Following several advancements, he was named general manager of the Echo in 1983. He was also general manager of a sister newspaper, the *Stone County Enterprise* in Wiggins.

From 1987 to 1990, Ponder was editor and publisher of the *Mobile County News*. He returned to The Echo as GM in June of 1990.

A native of Cedartown, Ga., Ponder has earned numerous editorial and advertising awards from both the Mississippi and Alabama Press Associations.

He is a current board mem-

ber and a past president of the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club, past Board of Governors of the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club and currently serves on the board of directors for the Mississippi Press Association.

He is a member of the National Newspaper Association, the Gulf Coast Advertising Federation, Hancock County Chamber of Commerce and associate director of the Gulfport Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo.

Ponder resides in Waveland with his wife, Sherry, daughter, Ashley, and sons, Jace and

Patrick.

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OLA student receives national recognition from Duke University



Elissa Kergosien

Our Lady Academy seventh grader Elissa Kergosien was honored for her achievement as a top participant in the Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP). She is the first OLA student to receive this national recognition.

TIP's Talent Search identifies seventh graders in 16 states in the Southeast, Midwest and Southwest who have scored in the top five percent on national achievement tests.

The 87,000 Talent Search students for 1999-2000 participated by taking either the American College Testing Assessment (ACT) or the Scholastic Assessment Test

(SAT).

Elissa took the ACT and scored in the top 1 percent of the Talent Search group. She and 1,286 other students earned scores higher than 90% of the college-bound high school seniors and were recognized at the National ceremony on Duke University's campus. There was also a Mississippi recognition ceremony in Hattiesburg.

On May 20, Elissa arrived at the Duke University campus in Durham, N.C., for the TIP Family Conference and Grand Recognition Ceremony. She received a medal in honor of her accomplishment within Duke Chapel, a gothic-style cathedral built in the 1830s.

Elissa socialized with other grand-recognition honorees, enjoyed an interactive science show by Discovery Place, a Charlotte, N.C. science and nature museum, and learned about educational opportunities and summer programs for gifted teens.

TIP is a nonprofit, educational organization designed to identify and develop academic talent.

Over the past decade, the Duke University TIP has established itself as the largest program of its kind in the nation.

'Preserving the Heritage' set for today at Gulfside hall

The Mississippi Gulf Coast Booster Club will present Janice Green and Redemption, featuring Ella B. Avery, Teresa Hall, Mollie Rhodes, Annette Riley and Keisha Thomas, at Gulfside Assembly at 950 Beach Blvd. in Waveland this Sunday, July 30, at 3 p.m. The event, "Preserving the Heritage," will include special music by legendary songwriter Jackie Alton Avery Sr.

Foreign student exchange program

American Intercultural Student Exchange, a non-profit educational foundation, is seeking host families for high school foreign exchange students for the 2000/01 school year.

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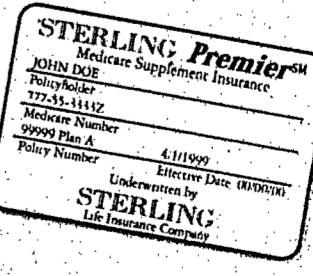
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Pearl convicts three in livestock deaths

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

The Hancock County Sheriff's Department is still investigating the shooting of seven head of cattle last January, but the state Agriculture Department this week announced three individuals have received convictions in two separate incidents involving injury and larceny to livestock.

Agriculture Commissioner

Lester Spell Sr., said Tuesday the convictions should convince the public and owners of farm animals that the state will not tolerate "blatant and callous treatment of livestock."

Pearl River District Attorney Buddy McDonald reported Steve Brian McMullen, 18, of Poplarville recently plead guilty to eight counts of "malicious or mischievous injury to livestock."

McCullen was charged with shooting eight cows, six of which

died, and has been sentenced to serve two years in prison on each count for a total of 16 years.

Spell said, under present law, McMullen will have to serve 85 percent of the 16 years before being eligible for parole. In addition to the shooting charges, McMullen pled guilty to other charges of arson and aggravated assault and received another 40 year sentence.

The shooting of the cattle

occurred January 12 in a field south of the Poplarville city lake near Garrett-McGill Road.

In addition, Spell said John Kenneth Gambino, 18, and Adam Michael Brickeen, 19, of Carriere were convicted on two felony counts of "larceny of live stock" in connection with stealing and killing a fallow deer and swine, McDonald said.

Brickeen was sentenced to serve three years on each count

enrolled in the Regimented Inmate Discipline Program at Parchman. Gambino received a probation sentence of 18 months suspended on each count.

The shooting in Hancock County occurred in two separate pasture areas in the buffer zone surrounding the Stennis Space Center. Five cows were shot and killed in a pasture off Lott McCarthy Road and two more were found dead in another field off Flat Top Road.

Emergency funds coming to region for cooling

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

The poor and elderly in Hancock County may be eligible for some federal funds if they need help paying their electricity bills.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced this week Mississippi is one of eight southern states that will share in a \$35 million emergency appropriation to help offset current cooling bills or to help others buy fans and air conditioners. Mississippi will receive \$2.8 million.

Doyle Moffett, executive director of the Gulf Coast Community Action Agency where some of the money will be channeled, did not know how much his group will get, but said it will be added to funds already available.

Moffett said the GCCAA currently has a budget of \$467,6623 that can be used to subsidize a variety of energy-related needs in Hancock, Harrison, Stone, Greene and George Counties. Jackson County has a separate Community Action Agency, he explained.

Mississippi Gov. Ronnie Musgrove praised the federal aid.

"These emergency funds will help many Mississippi families who struggle to pay their higher power bills due to the intense heat we have been experiencing across the South," said Musgrove.

Other states receiving emergency funds are Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, South Carolina, Texas and Tennessee.

For more information and to see if your family is eligible for assistance, call the Mississippi Department of Human Services at 1/800-421-0762.

Boil water advisory in effect for Harbor

Residents of Clermont Harbor are being asked to boil their tap water for at least one minute until tests show if the supply has been contaminated.

Earlier this week, the Mississippi Department of Health issued the boil-water alert because an equipment malfunction caused the system to lose pressure.

As of Friday, Health Department officials said people should continue boiling water until the alert is lifted.

Tests continue to see whether the system was contaminated.

HNC Class of '75 to meet to plan reunion.

A planning meeting has been scheduled for the 25-year reunion of the Hancock North Central Class of 1975.

The meeting will take place at Rooster's Restaurant in Kiln on Thursday, Aug. 3, at 6 p.m.

For more information, call Karen at 897-1305 or Debbie at 467-2705.

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Limit the chances of violence to our youth

BY CHANTE LOTT
MSU Ag Communications

Parents' concerns are rising about the violence in the schools their children attend.

More and more parents are searching for information to educate themselves and their children about the risk of violence in school. Some preventative measures can ease the anxiety of parents and of children.

"The best method to help protect your children from violence while in school is to talk with them on a daily basis about school, about other children and about life," said Louise Davis, a child and family development specialist with Mississippi State University's Extension Service. "Active communication between parents and children is a valuable asset."

Another way parents can oppose violence is to encourage participation in organized activities where supervision is usually provided.

"The key idea is to let your children know that you care where they are and what they are doing," Davis said. "Keep up with the events in your child's life, and don't hesitate to ask where they are going and who they are going to be with."

"Encourage non-violent discussions with friends and siblings, bearing in mind that children witness arguments between parents, too," Davis said.

Children learn by examples they see.

"Teach your children to discuss their frustrations, and help them exercise non-violent problem-solving solutions," Davis said.

"Discipline children without violence. A slap or a spanking as punishment may show them an example of aggressive problem-solving," Davis said. "Be aware of other ways that may make a greater impact on your child, and be consistent with your discipline."

Monitor children's viewing of violence in the home and the community. Teach them to stand up against violence; to calmly, bravely and firmly respond to threats or insults.

Fortunately for concerned

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BACK to SCHOOL



Sorry, kids -- summer's almost over. It's that time of year again to get all the outdoor activities out of your system and start thinking about getting ...



Renee Romain, 16, left, a student at Our Lady Academy, models a version of the new public school district uniform at The Kid Company Thursday. Delery Mann, 6, models a private school uniform.

Echo staff photo by Cecilia Howe

ECHO STAFF REPORT

When students go back to class in the Bay-Waveland and Hancock County public school districts this Aug. 21, many of them will be joining their parochial school counterparts in wearing school uniforms.

Both districts have enacted pilot -- voluntary -- uniform and dress code policies for the 2000-2001 school year.

The new policies are in response in part to the widespread outbreak of violence in our nation's public schools, which experts hypothesize in some instances is caused by the individual child's feelings of inadequacy, envy or jealousy of other students.

The policies are also designed to bring a little more order, respect and personal responsibility to the classroom.

Both Bay-Waveland Superintendent Dr. Kim Stasny and Hancock County Superintendent for education Mike Ladner have stressed that for the 2000-01 school year, the uniform policies are in a pilot year.

Both districts will examine and evaluate the successes and failures of their respective policies at the end of the school year in order to assess their feasibility for the future.

The Bay-Waveland district's uniform policy is as follows:

Policy for Pilot Year with School Uniforms and General Code of Appearance

Parents and community members have recently urged the District to adopt a school uniform policy for students.

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New and better school facilities offered for 2000-2001

Construction crews were hard at work last week at Hancock North Central Elementary to complete renovations and grounds improvements at the school in time for faculty and staff members to return.

Aug. 16 In preparation for the beginning of the new school year on Aug. 21.



Echo staff photo by Geoff Belcher

New middle, alternative facilities expected to improve school programs

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

When Bay-Waveland and Hancock County school district students go back to class this Aug. 21, besides spiffy new uniforms, they're also going to have some shiny new school facilities.

The Bay-Waveland district will have new middle school and new alternative school facilities. The district board of trustees last week accepted the new middle school, built right behind Bay High, as virtually complete.

The "old" Bay Middle School will open this year as Second Street Elementary.

The district will also have a new alternative school program located behind the Bay St. Louis police department at the Valena C. Jones Complex and will serve approximately 25-35 students in grades

six-12.

Formerly, alternative school students from the Bay-Waveland district had been sent to Gulfport schools for instruction.

The Hancock County school district will also have a new facility when the long-awaited Hancock County Middle School officially opens Aug. 21. Ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the facility have been scheduled for Friday, Aug. 18, from 4 to 6 p.m., and are open to the public.

Bay-Waveland and Hancock officials expect the new middle schools to improve instruction and the educational atmosphere in several locations, since the new facilities will allow for more space at the other schools where middle school classes had previously been taught. And with fewer students in each school, teachers at those schools have more opportunity to interact one-on-one with students.

The Hancock County district has also been hard at work on renovations at one of its older facilities, Hancock North Central Elementary, and despite some

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Uniforms

In the fall of 1999, parents were surveyed to determine their level of support for uniforms. Out of 1,902 surveys returned, 1,408 parents (74%) were in favor of school uniforms; 209 (11%) had no opinion; and 285 (15%) objected.

The Board of Trustees subsequently directed the superintendent to establish a Uniform Task Force to develop a policy and recommend a time line for implementation.

The Board of Trustees of the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District finds it is appropriate to implement a mandatory school uniform policy for the following reasons:

- Promote a more effective climate for learning
 - Increase safety and security
 - Foster school unity and pride
 - Eliminate label competition
 - Ensure appropriate attire
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With these purposes in mind, all schools within the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District shall pilot a student uniform dress code for the 2000-2001 school year.

At the end of the pilot year, a review will be conducted to evaluate the number of participants and its perceived effectiveness on student discipline and safety.

INFORMATION DISSEMINATION

It is the responsibility of district and school support staffs to communicate information to parents regarding the pilot year of the school uniform dress code, including, but not limited to: (a) types and colors of uniforms; (b) optional articles of attire, if any; (c) requirements for jackets/outer garments; and (d) compliance measures to be employed.

The means by which the information is communicated shall include one or more of the following: Newsletters, parent forums, telephone notification, media, posters, or registration materials.

COMPLIANCE MEASURES

for Uniforms and General Code of Appearance

If necessary, disciplinary action may be taken to encourage compliance with the policy.

Since the intent of the policy is not to inhibit or prohibit any student who does not meet the general code of appearance or who is not in uniform from receiving the education to which (s)he is entitled, no student shall be suspended or expelled from school or receive a lowered academic grade for not complying with the policy.

Each school should strive to achieve full compliance through use of incentives and positive reinforcement measures and should resort to disciplinary action only when positive measures fail to ensure compliance.

In addition, schools shall communicate with parents so that expectations, rationale and benefits are fully understood by the student and his/her family.

Prior to initiating any disciplinary action against a student not complying with the policy, a conference with the parent must be held with a school administrator or counselor to solicit parental cooperation and support.

Disciplinary action is to be initiated only after all other means to secure support and cooperation as mentioned above have not succeeded.

The same disciplinary actions applied to enforce other school and district rules may be utilized, with the exceptions noted in this section.

UNIFORM OPTIONS

Every component of the student uniform should be appropriate in length and size. Appropriate is defined as that which properly covers the body and which is in good taste.

The principal shall have the final decision about the appropriateness of the length/size of clothing. As a general rule of thumb, shorts, skirts, or jumpers may not exceed four inches above the top of the kneecap.

All teachers will monitor student dress and send those students who, in their opinion, are dressed inappropriately to the principal.

Each site may approve one logo to be used on approved T-shirts only.

SHIRTS (long or short sleeve): Polo: white, navy blue
Oxford white
(NO VISIBLE TRADEMARK OR LOGO ON SHIRTS)

PANTS Navy blue, khaki (tan)
(CARGO PANTS ARE NOT PERMISSIBLE)

SHORTS Navy blue, khaki (tan)

SKORTS (walking shorts) (CARGO SHORTS/SKORTS ARE NOT PERMISSIBLE)

SKIRTS/ JUMPER S Navy blue, khaki (tan)

VEST Navy blue, khaki (tan), or white

SWEATSHIRT Pullover: navy blue, white (NO VISIBLE TRADEMARK/LOGO)

SHOES Elementary (K-5): Closed toe and closed heel

Athletic shoes: basic; lighted soles, black soles or platforms are not permitted.

Middle/Secondary Schools (6-12):

Closed toe and closed heel
Athletic shoes: basic; lighted soles, black soles or platforms are not permitted.

SOCKS White, tan, navy, brown (also, knee highs and tights) (socks or tights must be worn at all times)

BELT'S Brown, black or navy (REQUIRED FOR CLOTHING WITH BELT LOOPS)

JACKETS/ COATS Must be removed in classroom.

GENERAL CODE OF APPEARANCE

Administrators and teachers of the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District shall enforce dress and grooming guidelines that promote the successful operation of the schools.

The site administration shall be the final judge as to neatness and cleanliness of wearing apparel and whether or not such apparel is appropriate, disruptive, distracting, or in violation of health and safety rules.

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Each student has the responsibility to dress appropriately for the school environment.

Wearing apparel, hair, and general appearance shall not disrupt the classroom atmosphere.

phere, shall not be unusually provocative, or shall not violate health and safety rules of the school.

These guidelines for dress and grooming are provided to assist parents and shall apply to all students in the public schools of Bay St. Louis and Waveland.

Student dress and grooming shall be neat and clean, and follow the general guidelines below.

1. Shoes without closed heel or closed toe shall not be worn. Shoes with lighted soles, black soles, or platforms are not allowed.

2. Halter tops, tank tops, backless tops, tops with thin or no straps or tops that show midriffs or overexpose the body are prohibited. Shirts are to be worn tucked into pants, skirts, slacks, shorts or skorts unless the shirt is designed to be worn outside.

3. See-through or mesh garments shall not be worn.

4. Form-fitting or overly tight clothing shall not be worn.

5. As a general rule of thumb, shorts, skirts, or jumpers may not exceed four inches above the top of the kneecap. Trousers, shorts, skirts, shorts, and dresses must be properly hemmed. Garments such as boxer shorts, traditionally designed as undergarments, may not be worn as outer garments.

6. Students are prohibited from wearing additional "patches", pins, tattoos, earrings, jewelry, or any other item that may be considered lewd, profane, obscene, suggestive, vulgar, or distractible which may harass, threaten, intimidate, or demean other groups, or which display illegal merchandise or contraband, or any item which may distract from the educational process. Any heavy type chains used to attach wallets or as decorative uses are prohibited.

7. Head coverings, including but not limited to, caps, hats, bandannas, hair curlers, and/or sunglasses, shall not be worn inside school buildings unless required by a physician or authorized by school administration.

8. Oversize clothing is prohibited (no sagging). The waistband of shorts, slacks, skirts, and similar garments shall not be worn below the waist. If belts, suspenders, or straps are worn, they shall be worn in place and fastened.

9. No facial jewelry is allowed. No sticks in ears are allowed. Any articles of clothing or jewelry that may cause injury to oneself or other students are not allowed.

10. Notched eyebrows, designs in hair, or unnatural multi-colored hair are not allowed.

This code of appearance is intended to provide guidelines for acceptable apparel and appearance.

Optional Articles of Attire

1. Students enrolled in the AFJROTC program shall be exempt from wearing the school uniform on the day(s) they are required to wear their military uniform.

2. Members of school-sponsored cheerleading or athletic teams, dance or drill teams, choral groups, band, or any other group sanctioned by the school, shall be exempt from wearing the school uniform on the day(s) they wear their pregame/pre-performance attire, for example Friday dress attire.

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Pregame/pre-performance attire must conform to the district's dress code and must be approved by the school administration prior to purchase.

In addition, all uniforms for performance groups must be approved by the school administration prior to purchase.

3. T-shirts may be worn with the following restrictions:

a. Definition: Must have a crew neck (no collar, no V-neck), no buttons.

b. T-shirts may be short sleeve or long sleeve.

c. T-shirts must be a solid color.

d. The approved color(s) may be gold, white, navy blue, and one other color. Each site shall decide limitations within the above options if desirable, including limiting to one color T-shirt for the site.

e. T-shirts must have the site approved logo.

f. Any variations regarding the logo will be for the purpose of differentiation among various school organizations (clubs, teams, etc.) and the variation shall not be the logo itself.

g. T-shirts must be sold by the school, its PTO, or a school sanctioned booster club.

HANCOCK ANNOUNCES VOLUNTARY UNIFORM PILOT INFOR-

MATION

Beginning Aug. 21, elemen-

tary students (kindergarten

through five) in the district are

being offered the option of

wearing uniforms to school

each day.

Near the end of the 1999-2000 school year, several elementary schools held a fashion show to model clothing styles and colors so that parents and students could see the various fashions available. Clothing colors and styles decided upon are as follows:

Charles B. Murphy Elementary: Tops red or white bottoms, khaki or navy

East Hancock Elementary: Tops white, lemon yellow, Kelly-green, navy, or Gators T-shirts with logo; bottoms, khaki or navy

Gulfview Elementary: Tops, white, navy or red; bottoms, khaki or navy

Hancock North Central Elementary: Tops, white, navy or red; bottoms, khaki or navy

Information for all elementary schools regarding uniforms:

• Pants, shorts, jumper, skirt and shorts are acceptable bottoms.

• Tops should be collared pullover (polo-type) or buttoned long/sleeved shirt.

• White socks should be worn and stockings may be worn with jumper, skirt or shorts.

• Black or brown belt for items with belt loops.

• Sensible footwear - neat and appropriate for school safety - no flip-flops or cleats.

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Facilities

storm damage last week, the school is expected to open on time.

The Bay-Waveland district also has a new assistant superintendent, Chuck Benigno, a Bay St. Louis-native who has been working in the Forrest County School System.

The Hancock County district opened the new state-of-the-art East Hancock Elementary School last year and will open the new Hancock County Middle School on Aug. 21, when the 2000-2001 school year begins. During the 1999-2000 school year, Hancock High/Middle School posted a 95% attendance average, up 1% from the 1998-1999 yearly average of 94%. This increase is an improvement from the 90% yearly attendance average from five years ago.

The Hancock County School District has recently won national acclaim for its commitment to technology, allowing its students to be among the first in the nation to use NETSchool computers as their personal notebooks.

In October 1998, students in grades 9-12 each received a Study Pro laptop computer for use at school and home. Hancock High School was the first school in the state and one of only 13 in the nation to issue each student a take-home computer. K-1 students are offered a computer-based instructional system designed to develop writing and reading skills. Students in grades K-2 receive Spanish language instruction and experience from a Spanish instructor for two 30-minute periods each week. The regular classroom teacher provides follow-up Spanish language instruction and reinforcement.

In the next school year, elementary teachers in the district will also have access to laptop computers, and virtually every classroom in the system will be computer-equipped, and the system will begin utilizing the "lead teacher" approach to classroom instruction.

In the Bay-Waveland district, computer labs are available to students in kindergarten through grade four. The software utilized provides students with the opportunity to achieve, maintain or exceed their assigned grade level. Fifth and sixth grade students have access to computers within their classrooms. These state-of-the art computers allow for access to the internet for research projects, computer-assisted instruction and multimedia presentations.

The academic program at Bay High School includes advanced placement courses in



The Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District will open its newest state-of-the-art educational facility, the new Bay-Waveland Middle School, on Aug. 21. The district will also introduce a new alternative school program at the Valena C. Jones Complex behind the Bay St. Louis Police Department.

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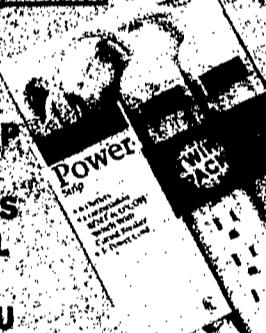
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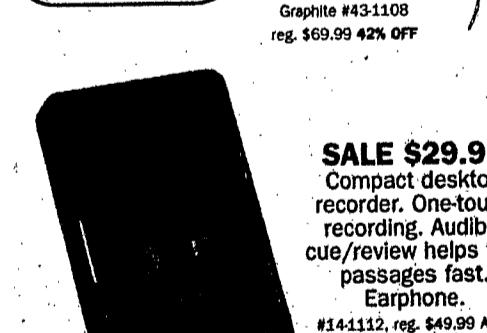


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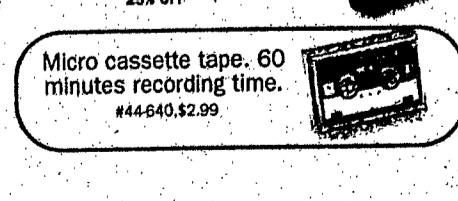
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(MS) — A new school year often means students become easy targets for thieves. Bicycles, backpacks and laptop computers are common items for someone to walk away with when students aren't looking. Laptops can disappear from libraries, cafeterias and any other common areas on school campuses.

More than 1,000 portable computers are stolen daily in the United States. In most cases, the laptop was not protected by a security device and the thief easily snatched the unattended computer. Hardware replacement costs were more than \$1 billion in 1998, however the loss of term papers, presentations, and reports is immeasurable.

Some important tips to keep your laptop safe include:

- Record the serial number and a description of the computer, and keep it in a safe place.

- Engrave your name with identifying marks or words on your laptop.

- Regularly back-up information and store it away from the computer.

- Check to see if the laptop is covered in the family insurance policy (most are not).

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Registration for 2000-01 school year scheduled at B-W

All students expecting to attend Bay St. Louis-Waveland Schools in the 2000-2001 school year must register at the school to which they are assigned.

Registration will be on July 31, August 1, 2, 3, and 4, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., with staff available on Thursday evening, August 3, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

New Hours
Students at Bay High and Bay-Waveland Middle School will begin at 8:10 each morning; elementary students, at 7:30 a.m.

Students who have not registered prior to the first day of school will not be assigned a schedule.

Students report for their first day of school on Monday, August 21. Students who do not know which school they are to attend should call the Central office at 467-6621.

Students who enter first grade must be 6 years old on or before September 1, 2000; kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before that date.

Each new student must bring to registration the certificate of immunization from the Health Department or local physician, a copy of their birth certificate, and their Social Security number.

A report card or other record of grade placement are necessary to make official grade level assignment.

New students enrolling in

Educating through the arts



North Bay Elementary in Bay St. Louis recently sent a team to the Mississippi Arts Commission's Whole Schools Institute at Millsaps College to learn how to use the arts in teaching academic subjects to every child in the school. Teams from 22 communities across the state attended the institute, which is nationally recognized as a premier training ground for schools involved in education reform through the arts. Greeting the team members are, seated from left, First Lady Melanie Musgrove, Governor Ronnie Musgrove and Betsy Bradley, arts commission executive director. Standing from left are North Bay team members Holly Robertson, Elisabeth Magee, April Owens, Sandra Boles, Jodell Beckham, Robin Craft and Katherine Wilson.

Violence

parents, there are usually warning signs for violent behavior. Some signals include: consistently not listening to authority; disregarding the feelings or rights of others; threatening others with violence as a solution; expressions of life being unfair; frequent unjustified absences; alcohol or drug use; or being a previous victim of violence.

"The more signs identified in a certain youth, the more likely violence is to follow," Davis said.

The Index of Leading Cultural Indicators listed making noise, chewing gum, cutting in line, running in the halls and dress code infractions as the

main student-related problems reported by teachers in 1940.

In 1990, the reports, which cited suicide, rape, robbery and assault, exposed a new theme in American schools - violence.

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2 bottles of white school glue

1 package of crayola markers

1 pair of Fiskar scissors

1 rest mat (only vinyl, no cloth)

3 rolls of paper towels

2 boxes of Kleenex

1 black and white composition notebook

1 pack of large paper plates

1 pack of small paper plates

1 bag of wrapped candy

1 book for the class library

1 pack of index cards

1 large eraser

1 change of clean clothes labeled

1 box plastic ziploc bags

First Grade

1 bottle hand sanitizer (boys bring in)

1 pack napkins (girls bring in)

2 bottles Elmer's white glue

1 pair Fiskar scissors (blunt tip)

4 packs #2 pencils (no jumbo, no fancy)

2 packs of mechanical pencils

4 boxes of 8 ct. crayola crayons

1 roll paper towels

1 box of tissues

1 box of handi wipes (baby wipes)

1 box ziploc bags (any size)

1 pack of wide-ruled looseleaf paper

4 wide-ruled spiral notebooks

5 two-pocket folders (3 of them red)

2 plastics two-pocket folders

1 pack index cards (any size)

1 pack construction paper

1 sheet of poster board (any color)

1 box of crayola classic markers

1 tray of primary colored poster paint

1 pack assorted dry-erase markers

1 storybook for class library - donation

1 ruler (centimeter and inch)

1 bookbag

1 package of erasers

First Grade for Home

1 box 8 ct. crayons for math homework

1 package #2 pencils

1 primary writing tablet

1 pack index cards (any size for reading vocabulary)

Second Grade

1 three-ring binder (no trapper keepers)

1 pack loose leaf paper (wide ruled)

1 school box

1 pack #2 pencils

1 pair scissors (blunt tip)

1 pack construction paper

1 bottle of white glue

1 box of Kleenex

2 packs of 8 ct. crayons

2 spiral bound 70 ct. notebooks

8 folders (one needs to be red) with fasteners and pockets

1 box of ziploc bags

1 box handi wipes (girls bring in)

1 roll paper towels (boys bring in)

Third Grade

2 packs of 200 count loose leaf wide-ruled paper

2 #2 pencils sharpened at all times

1 pack of multi-colored construction paper (200 ct.)

1 ruler (inches and centimeters)

1 pair of scissors (blunt)

1 bottle of white glue (4 oz.)

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Supplies

3 pocket folders with clips (one red, one blue, one green)
1 small plastic pencil/crayon box
1 assignment pad
2 black dry erase markers
1 box of handi (baby) wipes
1 box of Kleenex
1 roll paper towels

Fourth Grade
1 package washable markers
1 package colored pencils
2 packs loose leaf paper (wide ruled)
1 package scotch tape
1 box Kleenex
1 roll paper towels
1 box handi (baby) wipes
pair scissors
1 bottle white glue
1 package #2 pencils
1 package construction paper
2 red plastic pocket folders
1 small bottle of acrylic paint (any color)
Gardener: 3 composition notebooks
Farmer: 1 plastic 2-ring binder, 1 Thesaurus (paper back), 1 dictionary

Fifth Grade
2 packages #2 pencils
2 packs wide-ruled loose leaf paper
1 package construction paper
1 roll paper towels
1 box of Kleenex
1 box handi (baby) wipes
1 small pencil sharpener
1 pack crayons
1 pack markers
1 glue stick
1 pair scissors
1 ruler (inches and cm).
3-ring binder with dividers
1 pocket folder
6 folders with fasteners for science
(No spiral notebooks, mechanical pencils or white-out)

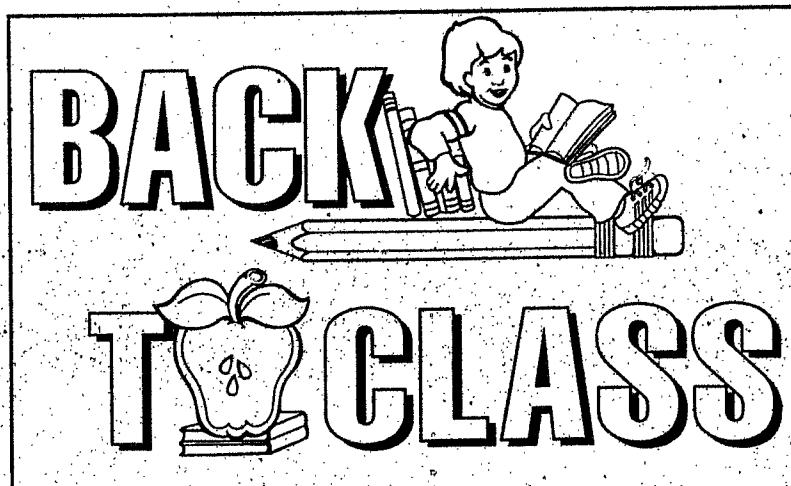
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Kindergarten
1 supply box
1 pack #2 pencils
1 box crayons
2 packs construction paper
1 pack colored pencils
1 pack markers (optional)
2 bottles white glue
1 pair Fiskar scissors
1 package party streamers (any color)
1 package of brown lunch bags
1 box gallon-size ziploc bags
1 box sandwich-size ziploc bags
1 primary writing tablet
1 large eraser
1 box of tissue
1 roll paper towels
1 package regular paper plates
1 package small paper plates
1 sturdy pocket folder

First Grade
1 hardcover binder (1")
2 spiral notebooks
2 boxes 8-count crayons
3 packs of #2 pencils
2 pocket folders with prongs
2 boxes of Kleenex
1 pair Fiskar scissors
1 pocket folder (any design)
1 pencil box or bag
3 primary writing tablets
2 packs index cards
1 pack of erasers
1 coloring book
1 pack colored pencils
2 glue sticks

Second Grade
2 packs wide-ruled loose-leaf paper
2 packs #2 pencils
4 spiral notebooks
1 ruler (inches and cm)
1 bottle white school glue
1 box crayons
1 pack multi-colored construction paper
2 boxes Kleenex
1 roll paper towels
1 pack baby wipes
1 box quart-size ziploc bags
Kleenex
coloring book
pack of loose-leaf paper
big rubber ball
box of baby wipes

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Third Grade
2 packs wide-ruled loose-leaf paper
1 pack #2 pencils
4 folders with pockets - no prongs
2 composition notebooks
1 ruler (inches and cm)
1 bottle Elmer's washable glue or glue stick
1 pair safety scissors
1 box crayons or colored pencils
1 pack multi-colored construction paper
1 big box tissue
1 roll paper towels
1 package baby wipes
No markers or large covered binders!

Fourth Grade
2 packs wide-ruled loose-leaf paper
Duct-tape folders
#2 pencils
crayons
scissors
school glue
construction paper
box of ziploc bags
4 spiral notebooks (wide-ruled)
box of Kleenex
book bag (no wheels)
no markers, no large notebooks, no ruler

Second Grade
wide-ruled loose-leaf paper
Duct-tape folders
#2 pencils
crayons
scissors
school glue
box of ziploc bags
4 spiral notebooks (wide-ruled)
box of Kleenex
book bag (no wheels)
no markers, no large notebooks, no ruler

Third Grade
pencil box
construction paper
#2 pencils
crayons
scissors
school glue
box of Kleenex
loose-leaf paper (wide-ruled)
ruler (with inches and cm)
3 folders w/ prongs to hold paper
book bag (no wheels)

Fifth Grade
pack of loose-leaf paper (wide-ruled)
12" ruler (inches and cm)
7 single subject notebooks
crayons
small assignment pad
4 #2 pencils
3 pocket folders
scissors
box of Kleenex
index cards
school glue
book bag (no wheels)
Please label all supplies, jackets, sweaters, etc. with your child's name.

Bay-Waveland Schools information

SCHOOL HOURS
7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.:
North Bay Elementary
Second Street Elementary
Waveland Elementary
8:10 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.:
Bay-Waveland Middle School
Bay High School

OFFICE HOURS
6:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
North Bay Elementary
Second Street Elementary
Waveland Elementary
7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Bay-Waveland Middle School

CERTIFIED STAFF HOURS
7:20 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. M*
North Bay Elementary,
7:20 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. T-F
Second Street Elementary,
Waveland Elementary
8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. M*
Bay-Waveland Middle School
8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. T-F
Bay High School

PARAPROFESSIONAL STAFF HOURS
7:25 a.m. to 2:35 p.m.
(unless attendance required at a Monday meeting)
North Bay Elementary
Second Street Elementary
Waveland Elementary
8:05 a.m. to 3:40 p.m.
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Pass Christian public schools calendar

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MONTHLY ATTENDANCE REPORTS

MONTHS	SCHOOL DAYS	TEACHING DAYS	
1 August 4 - September 29	40	Staff Development Days	182
2 October 2 - October 31	21	August 2	3
3 November 1 - November 30	19	August 3	
4 December 1 - December 15	11	January 2	
5 January 3 - January 31	19	Teacher Workdays	
6 February 1 - February 28	17	January 16	
7 March 1 - March 30	21	March 26	
8 April 2 - April 30	16	May 25	
9 May 1 - May 24	18	TOTAL	188
TOTAL	182		

A minimum of 330 minutes of classroom instruction is required each school day.

TERM TESTS AND EXAMINATIONS

TERM DAYS	TERM TESTS	SEMESTER FINAL EXAMS
1. 45 August 4 - October 6	October 4, 5, 6	
2. 46 October 10 - December 15		December 13, 14, 15*
3. 46 January 3 - March 13	March 9, 12, 13	
4. 45 March 14 - May 24		May 22, 23, 24*

(* 60% days for Students Only - December 15 and May 24)

(Pass Christian High School test dates will be October 5, 6; December 14, 15; March 12, 13; and May 23, 24)

July 4	Independence Day
September 4	Labor Day
October 9	Hurricane Day
November 22, 23, 24	Thanksgiving
December 18 - 29	Christmas
January 1	New Year's

(** Holidays for Students Only: January 2, January 16, March 26)

HOLIDAYS

January 2**	Teacher Workday
January 15	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Birthday
January 16**	Staff Development Day/Workday
February 26 - 28	Mardi Gras
March 26**	Staff Development Day
April 9 - 13	Spring Holidays

CLOSING EVENTS

Last Day of Attendance	May 24
Last Workday for Teachers	May 25
High School Graduation	May 25

STATE TESTING SCHEDULE 2000 -2001

FLE	November 8 - 9
Subject Area	To Be Set By MS Dept. of Education
FLE Retest	March 5 - 6
ACT Workkeys	To Be Set By MS Dept. of Education

Grade Level Assessments To Be Set BY MS Dept. of Education

MAKE UP DAY CALENDAR

Any day(s) missed will be made up on the following dates: October 9, 2000 and/or November 22, 2000.

Prepare children for safe school bus ride

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

The big yellow school bus is such a part of daily routines for thousands of Mississippi youth that many people take for granted that it is safe.

"While statistics show that the overwhelming majority of youth riding the bus arrive safely every day, accidents do happen."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, there are an average of 128 school bus-related fatalities each year.

Most fatalities occur in other vehicles involved in the accident, but about 8 percent are school bus passengers.

Safety experts say that getting on and off a bus are the most dangerous aspects of riding a school bus. The bus driver has blind spots directly in front of, along the sides of and behind the bus.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recommends walking five giant steps ahead of the bus before crossing in front, staying three giant steps away from the sides and never walking behind the bus.

Louise Davis, child and family development specialist with Mississippi State University's Extension Service, said parents should teach young children basic safety steps.

She also recommended children carry or wear an identification tag that includes the

child's name, address, phone number and parents' work numbers.

"Young children can become frightened if they forget which stop to get off at during the first days of school," Davis said.

"It is also easy for a child to forget which bus they ride home."

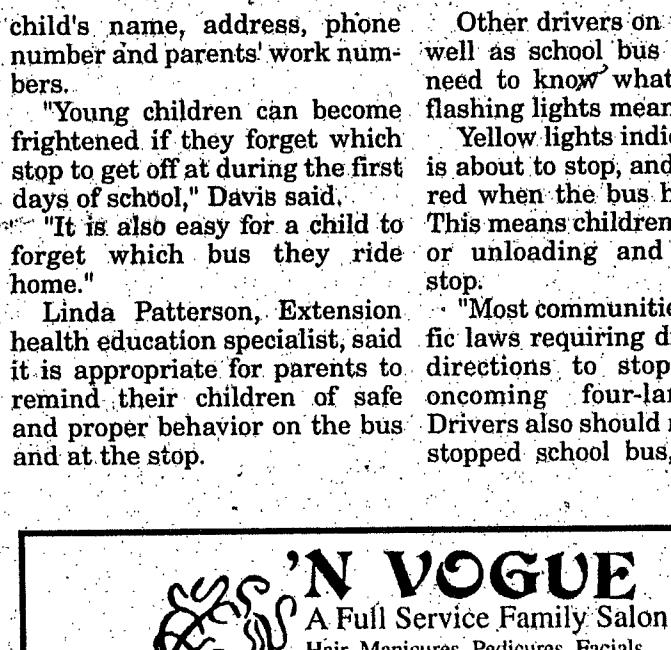
Linda Patterson, Extension health education specialist, said it is appropriate for parents to remind their children of safe and proper behavior on the bus and at the stop.

"Most communities have traffic laws requiring drivers in all directions to stop, including oncoming four-lane traffic.

Drivers also should never pass a stopped school bus," Patterson

said.

All school bus riders need to know where the emergency exits are off the bus and how to use them.



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Weddings

Bourgeois-Carver



Mr. and Mrs. Randall Bourgeois

Cortney Rae Carver and Randall Eugene Bourgeois were united in marriage July 15, 2000 in an afternoon ceremony in the United Methodist Church of Clermont Harbor with the Reverend Jack Wooten IV officiating.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. Tommy Carver Sr. of Bay St. Louis and Mrs. Lois Koller of Diamondhead.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Bourgeois of Waveland.

The bride was given in marriage by her stepfather, Mr. Robert Koller.

For the occasion she selected a candlelight, princess-cut satin gown with embroidered bodice and covered buttons in back. The floor-length gown featured a chapel-length train. The bride's headpiece was a tier accented with rhinestones. She carried a nosegay of candlelight roses and sprigs of baby's breath.

Matron of honor was Emmi Carver, sister of the bride. Best man was Ryan Bourgeois, brother of the groom. Usher was Charles Bourgeois Jr., and photographer was Joseph Bourgeois, brothers of the groom.

A reception followed the ceremony in the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

After a honeymoon, the couple will reside in Waveland.

Williams-Peterson



Mr. and Mrs. Craig Williams

Jamie Marie Rodgers Peterson of Waveland and Craig Keith Williams, also of Waveland, were united in marriage June 17, 2000 in McLeod Park with Joseph J. Marandala officiating.

The bride is a daughter of Carolyn Rodgers of Kiln and Ronnie Rodgers of Mandeville, La.

The groom is the son of Bertha Harvey of Picayune and Jerry White of Nicholson, Miss.

Maid of honor was Briana LeNée Peterson.

Flower girl was Danielle Williams, and ring bearer was John Victor Peterson III.

Best man was Dustin Wayne Williams.

A reception followed the ceremony.

The couple will reside in Waveland.

Births

ADRIANNA JAIME HURDER

Krystal Nicole and James Richard Hurder of Slidell announce the birth of a daughter, Adrianna Jamie, July 12, 2000 at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

Mrs. Hurder is the former Krystal Manuel.

Maternal grandparents are Jolene and Anthony Ladner of Saucier.

Paternal grandparents are Bruce and Carol Hurder of Raceland, La.

SOLANGE MICHELLE PEARSON

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Pearson of Picayune announce the birth of a daughter, Solange Michelle, July 17, 2000 at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

Mrs. Pearson is the former Lisa Terrebonne.

Maternal grandparents are Pearl T. Terrebonne of Marrero and the late Charles A. Terrebonne.

Paternal grandparents are Granville L. and Marie S. Pearson of Picayune.

LEXI JORDAN KENNEDY

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Shadrach Kennedy of Carriere announce the birth of a daughter, Lexi Jordan, July 17, 2000 at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

Mrs. Kennedy is the former Dar Legayle.

Maternal grandparent is Billy Cuevas of Picayune.

Paternal grandparent is Linda and Ronald Kennedy of Picayune.

MADISON ELLYSE LATHAM

Mr. and Mrs. Jay E. Latham of Diamondhead announce the birth of a daughter, Madison Elyse, July 20, 2000 at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

Mrs. Latham is the former Michelle Lynn Green.

Maternal grandparents are Carol Spychalski and Michael Green, both of Bay St. Louis.

Paternal grandparents are Terry and Ann Latham of Diamondhead.

D'head Arts and Crafts Show

The 17th annual Arts and Creative Crafts Show at Diamondhead will be Saturday, Sept. 30, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 1, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on the County Club Circle and grounds. More than 150 booths will be set up with hand-made crafts and multi-media art works for sale. Diamondhead Country Club will provide sandwiches and drinks at an outside concession. All proceeds from booth space fees are donated to Diamondhead Youth Organization, a non-profit organization.

For information, contact Brierley Acker, chairman, 5610 Ahuli Place, Diamondhead, MS 39525, (228) 255-2697 or Linda Wallace, co-chairman, 22510 Fox Run Dr., Pass Christian, MS 39571, (228) 452-2200.

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"We want those Americans who are holding more than \$7 billion in matured savings bonds to put their money back to work for them," said Van Zeck, commissioner of the Public Debt.

"It doesn't make any sense to hold on to an asset that's not earning interest. Some of these bonds are worth five, even ten, times what people paid for them, which should be a pleasant surprise to many. For example, someone who paid \$75 for a \$100 Series E bond back in April of 1960, would find that their bond is worth about \$770 today."

"We're hoping that increased awareness of when bonds stop earning interest will cause people to take a look at their bonds and redeem or exchange the matured bonds," said Zeck.

Series E bonds sold from May of 1941 through November of 1965 earn interest

for 40 years. Bonds sold from December of 1965 on earn interest for 30 years.

So, bonds issued in May of 1960 and earlier have stopped earning interest. A similar rule applies to those bonds with a 30-year life. Bonds issued from December of 1965 through May 1970 no longer earn interest.

Investors have the option of exchanging their maturing Series E bonds within a year after maturity for current-income Series HH bonds.

HH bonds pay interest at a level rate of 4 percent and allow investors to continue to defer the interest earned on their bonds for Federal income tax purposes for up to 20 more years. Bonds can be redeemed at most banks and thrift institutions.

To find out the value of your savings bonds and whether or not they are still earning interest, use the new "Savings Bond Calculator" on Public Debt's website at www.savingsbonds.gov.

Investors can also write to Savings Bonds, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328, for more information.

Legion Post 77 installs officers

American Legion Post 77 of Waveland installed officers for the new 2000-2001 fiscal year. The installation officer for the Legion was Department Commander R. V. Martin of Jackson.

The new officers are Commander Russell Voorhies, 1st Vice-Commander John Mason, 2nd Vice-Commander Joe Levy and Adjutant Richard "Jerry" Melancon.

Also, Finance Officer Lionel Gerstner, Service Officer Donald Mauffray, Judge Advocate Kenny Wilkinson, Chaplain Leonard Smith, Historian Ray Norton, Sgt-at-Arms Charles Nelson, Color Bearers Al Mahe and Melissa Hamilton, and Executive Committeemen Henry Beermann, Jack Hasling, Richard Smith and Emile Stieffel.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

TOPS 307 Waveland
TOPS MS 307 Waveland met Wednesday, July 12 at the Waveland Public Library. Nine members were present.

Darlene was the week's best loser with 4.50 pounds. Paula and Sherrie were the top KOPS. Jenny and June tied for the month of June best losers with 5 pounds each.

Cyndi was runner up with 4 pounds. Cyndi won the raffle, and Paula, Sherrie and Rhonda received vacation charms for losing after returning from IRD. Sherrie received a walking award for walking the most miles during the second quarter of the year.

The chapter also met Wednesday, July 19. Nine members were present. Rhonda was the week's best loser with 4.25 pounds. Geri was top KOPS. June won the Incentive Award, and Rhonda won the raffle. The chapter presented a program about TOPS hugs.

At the July 26 meeting 11 members were present. Jean was the week's best loser with .50 pound. Sherrie was the top KOPS. She also won the Incentive Award as well as the raffle.

The chapter meets every Wednesday at the Waveland Public Library. Weigh-ins are 4:30-5:15 p.m. with the meeting following.

Anyone interested in losing weight is welcome to visit the chapter. Call Paula at 467-0420 or e-mail: topsms307@yahoo.com.

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Janie Slaughter

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Rodeo Princess Janie Slaughter was chosen first runner-up in the 2000 Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo.

Slaughter is an employee of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce. She is a part-time staffer who is made available to the Chamber as a result of the EPA Gulf of Mexico Program grant funding which the Hancock County Chamber has received.

Slaughter was awarded a \$500 scholarship from the Fishing Rodeo Association in recognition of her excellent service and representation at the rodeo.

Slaughter is a 2000 graduate of Bay High School and will attend USM in the fall on a dance scholarship. She was a member of the High Steppers Dance Team, Bay High's homecoming queen and was selected Most Likely to be Missed.

She has been selected as a member of the Dixie Darling Dance Team at USM and is currently a member of the StingRay Dance Team.

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Blass receives Mississippi Bar's Lifetime Achievement Award

Judge William Joel Blass of Pass Christian is the 2000 recipient of the Mississippi Bar's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Blass was presented with the award during the Mississippi Bar's annual meeting in July in honor of his life-long dedication to his state and nation through public service, the legal profession and the administration of justice.

During his career as an attorney and a judge, Blass has worked diligently to improve the image of the legal profession both by example and leadership.

A 1940 graduate of Louisiana State University's Law School, his first job was for the Louisiana State Police. The young lawyer moved to Wiggins during WW II. Blass volunteered and was decorated for valor as a company commander in Patton's Third Army.

He was elected to the state legislature in 1953. Representative Blass campaigned statewide to oppose the movement to amend the Mississippi Constitution to abolish public education. Stone County re-elected Blass in 1957.

It was and is common for outstanding lawyers to call on Blass to be a lawyer's lawyer, giving them insight,



Judge Joel Blass, pictured right, receives The Mississippi Bar's Lifetime Achievement Award from Jimmy Dukes, President of The Mississippi Bar.

opinion, research, often without pay, on public issues as well as simply to help his fellow lawyers achieve better justice through scholarship.

With a national reputation in business litigation and 1st Amendment law, Blass is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*, is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and is a Mississippi Bar Foundation Fellow.

Thousands of students revere his service at the University of Mississippi School of Law, 1965-71, as a professor of law, receiving the University's Outstanding Teacher Award in 1969. He returned to the law school in

1991 to teach in the Whitten Chair of Law & Government.

Judge Blass's service as Associate Justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court in 1989-1991 was noted for his painstaking scholarship, well-reasoned conservatism, and succinct opinions.

Blass recently served as pro bono counsel to establish Kids Voting, Inc., on the Gulf Coast. He served for many years as counsel to the Catholic Diocese, and continues to be a popular speaker among Protestant, Catholic and Jewish church groups, often speaking about the spiritual and moral sources of law.

Legislature commends Forestry Commission for firefighting efforts

Mississippi Forestry Commission employees recently received the thanks of the Mississippi Legislature for their successful efforts in preventing a fire emergency when hazardous fire conditions plagued the state during the fall of 1999 and the spring of 2000.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 624, proved by the House of Representatives, commended the Mississippi Forestry Commission and its employees for a job well done in containing forest fires during this period.

The resolution cited the fact that severely dry weather pushed the fire danger to unusually high levels, resulting in a 35 percent increase in the number of fires, but the hard work and diligence of the firefighting crews of the Mississippi Forestry Commission resulted in a negligible increase in average fire size.

The resolution credits Mississippi Forestry Commission crews with protecting the forests of this state and the lives and property of its citizens from destruction by wildfire.

"We are pleased that the legislature saw fit to praise the efforts of our employees. They worked awfully hard to keep the lid on what could have been a disastrous fire breakout," says State Forester Jim Sledge.

Sledge says that the lingering drought continues to cause a serious lack of soil moisture. Only scattered showers have provided enough surface mois-

ture to keep fire occurrence at a reasonable level.

"We're very concerned about the low soil moisture," Sledge says. "The vegetation in those areas that don't get showers doesn't have any water reserves. It can dry out quickly and become a real fire hazard."

Sledge says his agency's Forest Protection Division is carefully monitoring the increasing fire danger, and fire crews remain at a high state of readiness.

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The New York Times Book Review Best Sellers List

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FICTION

1. *The House on Hope Street*, by Danielle Steel. (Delacorte \$19.95) A woman with five children must cope with the loss of her husband, who dies on Christmas Day. (B)

2. *Cradle and All*, by James Patterson. (Little, Brown \$25.95) A former nun turned private eye works on a case involving two virgins who become pregnant. (BW)

3. *Heartbreaker*, by Julie Garwood. (Pocket \$24.95) An FBI agent tries to prevent his best friend's sister from being killed by a deranged fiend. (B)

4. *The Indwelling*, by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins. (Tyndale \$22.99) The seventh volume in a series about true believers who confront the Antichrist after the rapture of the saved. (BK)

5. *Omerta*, by Mario Puzo. (Random House \$25.95) An FBI agent targets a recently retired Mafia don who has tried to shield his three grown children from the family business.

6. *Hot Six*, by Janet Evanovich. (St. Martin \$24.95) A New Jersey bounty hunter searches for her mentor, who is the No. 1 suspect in the killing of an arms dealer's son. (BK)

7. *The Fighting Agents*, by W. E. B. Griffin. (Putnam \$25.95) Volume 4 in a series about the OSS during World War II.

8. *The Brethren*, by John Grisham. (Doubleday \$27.95) Three former judges, doing time at a federal prison in Florida, concoct a mail scam that goes awry. (BKW)

9. *The Bluest Eye*, by Toni Morrison. (Knopf \$15) The story of an 11-year-old black girl - pregnant by her father - who prays for her yes to turn blue.

10. *Liar's Game*, by Eric Jerome Dickey. (Dutton \$23.95) A Los Angeles couple's romance is complicated by the reappearance of her former lover and his ex-wife.

NONFICTION

1. *Tuesdays with Morrie*,

by Mitch Albom. (Doubleday \$19.95) The author tells of his weekly visits to his old college mentor, who was near death's door. (B)

2. *Me Talk Pretty One Day*, by David Sedaris. (Little, Brown \$22.95) A collection of autobiographical comic essays by the author of "Naked." (B)

3. *Flags of Our Fathers*, by James Bradley with Ron Powers. (Bantam \$24.95) The story of the men who raised the flag of Iwo Jima, by the son of one of them. (B)

4. *Duty*, by Bob Greene. (Morrow, \$25) The columnist remembers his father, who was a soldier in World War II, and tells the story of Paul Tibbets, who piloted the Enola Gay.

5. *From Dawn to Decadence*, by Jacques Barzun. (HarperCollins \$36) A survey of 500 years of Western Cultural life, from 1500 to the present. (B)

6. *In a Sunburned Country*, by Bill Bryson. (Broadway, \$25) The author of "A Walk in the Woods" reports on his travels through Australia. (BK)

7. *It's Not About the Bike*, by Lance Armstrong with Sally Jenkins. (Putnam \$24.95) A memoir by the Tour de France champion and cancer survivor. (B)

8. *In the Heart of the Sea*, by Nathaniel Philbrick. (Viking

\$24.95) The story of the whaleship Essex, whose disastrous fate in the early 19th century would later serve as inspiration for Herman Melville. (BK)

9. *The Greatest Generation*, by Tom Brokaw. (Random House \$24.95) The lives of men and women who came of age during the Depression and World War II. (BKW)

10. *Papal Sin*, by Garry Wills. (Doubleday, \$25) A chronicle of what the author sees as the evasions and distortions of the Vatican over the past two centuries.

ADVICE, HOW-TO AND MISCELLANEOUS

1. *Who Moved My Cheese?* by Spencer Johnson. (Putnam \$19.95) How to deal with changes at work and in life in general. (BKW)

2. *Body for Life*, by Bill Phillips with Michael D'Orso. (HarperCollins \$26) Ways to improve one's body and one's life. (B)

3. *Ten Things I Wish I'd Known - Before I Went Out Into the Real World*, by Maria Shriver. (Warner \$19.95) Life lessons from the anchorwoman. (B)

4. *Soul Stories*, by Gary Zukav. (Simon & Schuster, \$24) Ways in which an understanding of the soul can transform one's life. (B)

5. *Ways in which an understanding of the soul can transform one's life.* (B)

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ROAD CLOSING

Waveland Avenue will be closed Monday, July 31st and possibly Tuesday, August 1st just north of Rue de LaSalle.

Through trucks, trailers, etc. needing to detour from Highway 90 and Waveland Avenue should continue eastward down 90 to Nicholson Avenue. Then turn right on Nicholson Avenue toward the Beach area. Through trucks going northward on Waveland Avenue need to detour eastward on Central Avenue and continue on to Nicholson Avenue. At this point, turn left on Nicholson Avenue and continue northward until intersecting Highway 90.

Through cars, school buses need to detour from Highway 90 and Waveland Avenue to Margie Street before going southward to Rue de LaSalle, turn right on Rue de LaSalle, continue back to Waveland Avenue. Cars and school buses traveling northward on Waveland Avenue need to detour eastward on Rue de LaSalle to Sycamore. At this point, turn left and continue up to Sycamore / Margie until reaching Old Spanish Trail. Upon reaching Old Spanish Trail, the vehicles can proceed either direction.

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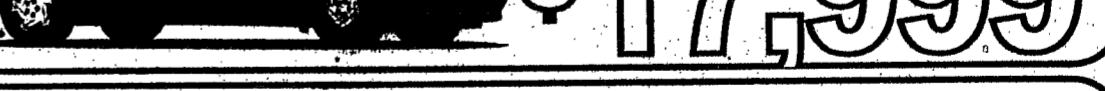
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REFLECTIONS ON LIFE

*By Father Jerome
LeDoux, SVD*

The second coming of Africa

African bishops are nothing new in the Roman Catholic Church. The same cannot be said at all for African Americans. Until the episcopal ordination of Harold Robert Perry, S.V.D. in New Orleans Jan. 6, 1966, the very notion of a black bishop seemed far-fetched, if not impossible.

An abortive, trial-balloon black episcopal ordination in the person of James Augustine Healy had succeeded in that he was ordained and installed as bishop of Portland, Maine on June 2, 1875.

It failed in that, although Healy's father was an Irish immigrant and his mother a slave, he was hardly known as black, and there was no follow-up with other black bishops.

Until the early fifties of last century, the thought of a black bishop was so far away that black boys had no place to study for the priesthood except St. Augustine Seminary in Bay St. Louis, where Divine Word Missionaries from Germany had made the seminary the core of their apostolate.

Lo and behold, in a ritual which has become not so uncommon of late, Curtis Joseph Guillory, S.V.D. will be installed as the fifth bishop of Beaumont, Texas on July 28, 2000. The irony here is every bit as great as a German-founded order beginning a seminary in 1923 in the deepest South, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

Five African Americans have been installed in other dioceses ahead of Curtis Guillory, all in the South. It is not coincidental that this improbable setting both geographically and socially follows the teachings and patterns of Jesus himself who always used apparent weakness to build strength:

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes" (Psalms 118:22; Matthew 21:42).

What seems discordant, improbable, lowly and illogical in the eyes of many human beings is super okay in God's eternal plans as enunciated by Jesus: "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for, although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned, you have

revealed them to the childlike" (Matthew 11:25).

Racial strife, even very recently, has been no stranger to Texas, as was reported to us on June 7, 1998 about the dragging death of James Byrd, Jr. in Jasper, Texas, a town within the Diocese of Beaumont.

So, does Curtis Guillory's installation assume the flavor of ecclesiastical affirmative action?

Inasmuch as affirmative action is a socio-political tool aimed directly at restoring or creating a proper balance of opportunities between the majority race and other races, definitely not.

Rather, the installation signals a simple return to the early faith and apostolate of the first Christians who took to heart the eloquent confession of Paul:

"Through faith you are all children of God in Christ Jesus . . . There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:26, 28).

The result of this firm belief was that no one cared who became bishop or even pope. Dating back to the first century, Christianity was bursting at the seams in hundreds of communities in present-day Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco.

Numerous bishops headlined by men like Cyprian of Carthage and Augustine of Hippo ruled vibrant, spirit-filled dioceses.

Contemporarily, between the third and fifth centuries, there were three African popes as well: Victor I, Melchiades and Gelasius I. All three were outstanding churchmen, martyrs and, of course, saints.

Until recently, nothing was made of them because this was routine for the early Christians. There was no fanfare; only the unadulterated pursuit of Christian teachings.

The signage here, the raw symbolism and the unabashed teaching are unmistakable: "God shows no partiality (with people)" Romans 2:11.

Yes, God can take a country boy like Curtis from the soybean and corn fields of Mallet, Louisiana and make him bishop of Beaumont, Texas.



Summer staffers

Louis Zinc of Bay St. Louis, left, a student at Pearl River Community College; and Randy Mayzak of Hancock County, a student at the University of Southern Mississippi, are working as summer staffers at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian. The assembly, operated by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, employs 50 college students as groundskeepers, lifeguards, food servers, and housekeepers to provide services to the more than 7,500 campers who attend Gulfshore training conferences. Frank Simmons is assembly manager.

Library System to close for annual inventory

The Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, the Kiln Public Library and the Pearlington Public Library will be closed Monday, July 31 through Saturday, August 5 for the library system's annual inventory.

The Waveland Library and Literacy Center will remain open during the week, except for Tuesday, August 1, when it will close for staff training until 2 p.m. Adult education classes scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. will not be cancelled.

Library users needing to return items should use the exterior book returns located at all four branches.

The WORD for the Week

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The Good News about Jesus Christ speaks about the forgiveness of sins. Are we sinners? The Bible declares, "There is no distinction; for all have sinned" (Romans 3:22-23).

If this is true, we deserve punishment for our sins. In the end, death is the penalty for all sin. "For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).

Ultimate death is spiritual; "the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His

Good news

power" (2 Thessalonians 1:9).

The Good News is that Jesus Christ died on a cross to pay the penalty due to people like us for our sins. He was banished from God's loving presence. On the cross He cried, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" (Matthew 27:46).

The Good News is that faith in Christ's sacrifice brings us forgiveness. We need not fear death. Death becomes the gateway to heaven and God's gracious presence. Jesus promised His disciples, "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to myself; that where I am, there you may be also" (John 14:2-3).

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34 Personals

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58 Lawn & Garden

A CALL TO CHARLIE'S LAWN & YARD service: for free estimates. Grass cutting, weed eating, trash hauling, etc. Call anytime. (228)467-1577 or (228) 467-4266.

FRONT OFFICE MANAGER FOR Primary Care in Hancock County. Prior Primary Care experience required. Must know ICD9 coding and accounts receivable experience. Send resume to Box PC c/o The Sea Coast Echo, P.O. Box 2009, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

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63 Business Opportunities

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66 Child Care

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73 Help Wanted

RESUMES ARE BEING TAKEN BY The Save Our Children Center for part-time tutor. Skilled in education is a benefit.

Call Geraldine Lang, 467-9586 or Center Director James Baldree at 466-4041 for further information. Send resumes to S.O.C., 405 Necaise, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

PRIMARY CARE OFFICE IN Hancock County needs X-Ray Tech or RN, LPN with X-Ray experience. Monday-Friday. Good pay for right person. Send resume to Box PC, c/o The Sea Coast Echo, P.O. Box 2009, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
GAUL G. GREEN, PLAINTIFF
VS.
CHRISTOPHER MICHEL, SR.; LORETTA MICHEL AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS DEFENDANTS

PUBLICATION SUMMONS CIVIL CAUSE NO. 2000-438

To: (1) Christopher Michel, Sr. if alive, who is believed to be a nonresident of the State of Mississippi, whose known address is 100 Sycamore Loop, Bridge City, LA 70044, after diligent search and inquiry; (2) Lorraine Michel, if deceased, whose known address is 100 Sycamore Loop, Bridge City, LA 70044, after diligent search and inquiry; and if dead, his unknown heirs at law or devisees, whose names and addresses, both post office and street addresses, are unknown; (3) any other person having information concerning the whereabouts of Christopher Michel, Sr., whose last known address, both post office and street address, is 100 Sycamore Loop, Bridge City, LA 70044, after diligent search and inquiry; and if dead, his unknown heirs at law or devisees, whose names and addresses, both post office and street addresses, are unknown; (4) any and all other persons having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in and to the hereinabove described land.

Each 1/2 of lot 132, Block E, Shady Acres Subdivision, East 1/2 of lot 132, Block E, Shady Acres, file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, Parcel No. 139K-0-2-022-001.

You have been made defendants in the lawsuit filed in this Court by Gaul G. Green, Plaintiff, whose address is c/o George H. Lipscomb, Jr., P.O. Box 2114, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521.

The complaint filed against you has initiated a civil action alleging legal ownership of the above described property and seeking to quiet and confirm title.

You are required to file with the Clerk of this Court a written answer either admitting or denying each and every cause of action set forth in the complaint and to state why your written answer should be either mailed or hand delivered to George H. Lipscomb, Jr., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 2114, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521.

YOUR ANSWER MUST BE FILED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 23RD DAY OF JULY, 2000, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR ANSWER IS NOT SO FILED, MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFALCATION MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

WITNESS my signature and official seal this 19 day of July, 2000.

(Seal)

Timothy A. Kellar,
CHANCERY CLERK
BY: PAMELA CUEVAS
DEPUTY CLERK

7/23/73; 7/30; 8/2000

Public Notices

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ERNEST J. REEDENAUER, JR., Deceased
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CAUSE NO: 2000-480

Letters testamentary having been granted on the 28th day of July, 2000, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Ernest J. Reedenauer, Jr., deceased, who is hereby given to all persons having claim against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for Probate and registered according to law within 90 days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

This 26th day of July, A.D. 2000.

ROBERT THOMAS REEDENAUER

Executor

07/30; 08/06; 08/13; 08/20/2000

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received at Southern Regional Water Treatment Plant, 1000 South Main Street, Waveland, MS, for providing laboratory testing services for their sewage wastewater treatment and for sewer collection lines.

Bids will be received at the above address until Monday, August 21, 2000, and will be publicly opened and read at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 22, 2000, at the office of the SRWMD Board of Commissioners. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

Copies of Scope of Work and other Contract Documents are on file for viewing at the Southern Regional Water Treatment Plant, 1000 South Main Street, Waveland, MS, for the period of time indicated.

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive informality and to make awards that are in the best interest of the Owner.

For more information contact the SRWMD WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

07/23; 07/30/2000

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids for the LIFT STATION #1 REHABILITATION AND MAIN PUMP AND TREATMENT STATION will be received at 111 Court Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, until 2:00 P.M. Local Time on the 25th day of August, 2000, and then will be publicly opened and read. At that time, any bids received after the time and date specified will not be considered and discarded.

Bids being submitted by mail should be addressed to: Attn: Clerk, Blk for L1, City of Bay St. Louis, Post Office Box 144, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521.

LOCATION AND SPECIFICATIONS

The location of the work is shown on the drawing. The drawing shows the Lift Station #1 Rehabilitation and Force Main and consists of twenty three (23) sheets dated May 2000.

The project is the rehabilitation of Lift Station #1 in Bay St. Louis including pump and control upgrade, addition and upgrading of the wellwell, dry pit, building, and equipment. The project also consists of 3,200 linear feet +/- of new force main.

Contract Documents may be examined at the City of Bay St. Louis, 111 Court Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi or at the office of the Design Engineer, Compton Engineering, P.A., 3130 Highway 90, Suite 100, Biloxi, MS. A copy of the documents may be obtained at the office of Compton Engineering, P.A., upon payment of \$150.00, which includes shipping and handling for each set. Return of the documents is not refundable.

Each bid must be submitted on the prescribed form and accompanied by cash, a certified check, a cashier's check or bid bond executed on the prescribed form, payable to the City of Bay St. Louis in an amount not exceeding the amount paid for the documents is not refundable.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish the necessary additional bond(s) for the faithful performance of the Contract, as prescribed in the Contract Documents. All bid bonds, performance bond, payment bond and certificates of insurance shall be executed by a licensed independent agent of the surety or insurance company having its place of business in the State of Mississippi and in all ways complying with the insurance laws of the State of Mississippi. Further, the said surety or insurance company shall be required to furnish a certificate of insurance to the State of Mississippi. In order to perform public work, the successful bidder shall, as applicable, hold or obtain such Contractor and business licenses as required by Mississippi law. All bidders shall have a current certificate of registration with the State Board of Public Contractors prior to bidding on the project.

Before a Contract will be awarded for the work contemplated herein, the Owner will conduct investigation as is necessary to determine the performance record and qualifications of the contractor(s) and the proposed bidder to perform the size and type of work specified under the Contract. Upon request, the bidder shall submit such information as deemed necessary by the Owner to evaluate the bidder's qualifications.

For information concerning the proposed bid, or for any other information concerning the bid, contact Compton Engineering, 1a/100 (228) 467-2770.

Dated this 20th day of July, 2000.

RHOBERT ALBERTA BALASKA MAUFFRAY, Administrator

07/23; 7/30; 8/2000

NOTICE

You have been named as a potential heir at law in the suit filed in this Court to Establish the Heir at Law of Gus Rudolph, Esq., Deceased, and for Letters of Administration to be issued to the Clerk of this Court is P.O. Box 3685, Gulfport, Mississippi 39095, THIS RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS FROM THE 20TH DAY OF JULY, 2000.

THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFALCATION WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

Witness my signature and official seal this the 5th day of July, 2000.

(SEAL)

Timothy A. Kellar, Chancery Clerk

07/23; 7/30; 8/2000

NOTICE

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GUS RUDOLPH, SR., Deceased

GUSIE JACKSON PETITIONER
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

CASE NO. 2000-545

TO: JULIA HAWKINS, DAVID J. NECAISE, DECEASED, VERNIEZ RUDOLPH, JR. AND ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF GUS RUDOLPH, SR., Deceased

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Timothy A. Kellar, Chancery Clerk

DATED: 07/23/2000

BY: Erica Candobet, D.C.

07/23; 7/30; 08/06/2000

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GUS RUDOLPH, SR., Deceased

GUSIE JACKSON PETITIONER

SUMMONS (Summons by Publication)

CAUSE NO. 2000-546

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF GUSIE JACKSON, DECEASED

NOTICE

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Gusie Jackson, Petitioner, whose address is 111 Court Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521.

The complaint filed against you has initiated a civil action to establish the Heir at Law of Gusie Jackson, Petitioner, whose address is 111 Court Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521.

Each 1/2 of lot 132, Block E, Shady Acres, file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, Parcel No. 139K-0-2-022-001.

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Each 1/2 of lot 132, Block E, Shady Acres, file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, Parcel No. 139K-0-2-022-001.

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ENTERTAINMENT

'Broadway Showstoppers' extended at Gulfport Grand

The glitter, excitement and sounds of Broadway are all at the Gulfport Grand Showroom.

Broadway Showstoppers, the sizzling revue show at Grand Gulfport has been extended through to October 28 due to popular demand.

This is one of the most sexy and scintillating revue shows ever to hit the Gulf Coast. Broadway Showstoppers features some of the sexiest costumes and beautiful dancers ever seen.

The show itself is a sensual salute to Bob Fosse and Cabaret with songs like "Wilkommen," "Don't Tell Mama," and, of course, "Cabaret."

The show also takes a classic Broadway turn with the performance of pieces from West Side Story including "Maria," the "Jet Song," "Officer Krupke" and "Dance At The Gym."

Then it's off to Oklahoma. Audience members will also be treated to rock opera selections such as "Pinball Wizard" from Tommy and "Aquarius" from Hair.

In just 60 minutes, Broadway Showstoppers demonstrates why musical theatre is loved by millions. And you can come be a part of all the fun.

Broadway Showstoppers shows in the Grand Gulfport Showroom. Tickets are \$12 per person. For information, call 1-800-WIN-7777.

Showtimes are:

- Monday, 8 p.m.
- Tuesday through Thursday - 3 p.m. & 8 p.m.
- Fridays - No show
- Saturday - 7 p.m. & 9 p.m.
- Sunday - 3 p.m. & 8 p.m.

COMING SOON TO GRAND CASINO GULFPORT

Bobby "Blue" Bland

August 4 at 8 p.m. & 10 p.m. Both shows are free to Grand Advantage members.

Jerry Jeff Walker

August 11 at 8 p.m. & 10 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 per person.

Chuck Negron

August 18 at 8 p.m. & 10 p.m. Both shows are free to Grand Advantage members.

Vince Vance & The Valliants
August 25 at 8 p.m. & 10 p.m. Both shows are free to Grand Advantage members.

Ricky Van Shelton
September 1 at 8 p.m. & 10 p.m. Both shows are free to Grand Advantage members.

Ike Turner - Newly Added
September 15 at 8 p.m. & 10 p.m. For more information please call 1-800-WIN-7777, ext. 1988.

Percy Sledge - Show date has changed
October 6 at 8 p.m. & 10 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 per person.

38 Special
October 13 at 8 p.m. & 10 p.m. Tickets are \$9.95 per person.

"Comedy - Raw & Uncensored"
Grand Gulfport's adult-themed late night comedy series in the Gulfport Grand Showroom is a hit. Anthony Cools, the "R" rated hypnotist, is back for some uncensored fun.*

Anthony Cools in the Gulfport Grand Showroom:

August 4 & 5
August 11 & 12
August 18 & 19
August 25 & 26

Shows are at midnight and tickets are \$9.95 per person.

Kids Quest Introduces the Adventure Club

Now at Grand Casino Gulfport, Kids Quest is offering an all-new package for your tiny tot* the Kids Quest Adventure Club.

The packages include Fantasy Island, Sports Camp, Water Sports, The Great Outdoors, and Discover America.

Each package is themed around special activities that are both educational and entertaining. Prices range from \$40 to \$50, per child.

Adventure Club packages are available from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Fridays, noon to 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Saturdays, and noon to 3 p.m. on Sundays.

'Forever Plaid' now playing at Biloxi Grand Theatre

Plaid people have come to the Biloxi Grand Theatre. This joyfully innocent musical has enjoyed rave reviews and sold-out performances around the world, and Grand Casino Biloxi will be no exception.

The show is set in the late 1950's and centers around the musical experiences of four young men named Sparky, Smudge, Jinx, and Frankie.

The four guys meet in their high school's audiovisual club. Discovering they share an affection for music, they get together and dream of becoming like their musical idols.

"The Four Plaids" land their first gig at the Airport Cocktail Bar, but when en route to the

show, they are broadsided by a school bus and their careers and lives end at that moment.

The show begins with the Plaids coming back to Earth to fulfill their one dream - to perform for a live audience.

The cast does an amazing job reincarnating the innocence of the '50s with songs like "Three Coins in the Fountain," "Sixteen Tons," "Shangri-La," "Day-O," "Love is a Many Splendored Thing," "Heart & Soul," and "Catch a Falling Star."

The star performers are

Adrian Connolly as Frankie, Allen Snyder as Smudge, Greg Bock as Sparky, and Michael Maciaone as Jinx.

Touching, hilarious, and filled with the best music of the 50s, Forever Plaid will take audience members back to harmony and hi-fi stereos.

Showtimes are 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Tickets are \$9.95. For information, call 1-800-WIN-2-WIN, ext. 2804.

This show replaced "The Magic of Allen Valentine."

Redecorate without breaking your budget by using a unifying color scheme, repeating elements and arranging an effective and more efficient traffic flow within your home.

How to use an interior designer will also be covered. Individual consultations are available for participants at the end of each class.

In class projects and take-home work will be used to enhance class learning.

The series will be held Thursdays, Aug. 10, 17 and 24, 9:30 a.m. in Bay St. Louis. Call 228-467-5456 to reserve a space.

Learn the basics of color coordination, design techniques and furniture arrangement to achieve a pleasant home interior.

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